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OUTLINES.

The trial of the Coopers and Sharp, at Nashville, Tenn., will be resumed today. Counsel on both sides were in conference with witnesses near all day yesterday.—A bill was passed by the General Assembly of South Carolina yesterday, making it a misdemeanor to publish names of women upon whom an attempt to ravish, or an assault has been committed.—An open market in the iron and steel trade was created yesterday with the announcement in New York of Former Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the directors of the United States Steel Corporation, that leading manufacturers have agreed to modify prices, which it is believed will lead to a stimulation of the industry.—The Tennessee State Senate yesterday passed the legalized compulsory primary bill over the veto of Governor Patterson, who declared that this bill with other measures before the House were neither fair nor just.—President-elect Taft was yesterday made a member of the Cincinnati's Knickerbocker organization.—At the annual dinner of the organization yesterday Taft for the first time in 20 years was not called upon to speak.—Two bills have been introduced in the Hawaiian Legislature against Japanese fishing in the territorial waters.—The select committee made its report to the House yesterday, recommending reductions in the tariff on news print paper and wood pulp.—At Fincastle, Va., yesterday a negro who murdered a white girl the day before was, on his confession in open court, condemned to be electrocuted March 22nd, no jury being empaneled.—Taft's first banquet as President will be with cadets at the Arlington on the evening of March 4th.—A bill has been introduced in the Cuban House of Representatives forbidding foreigners owning property on the island.—In Norfolk yesterday a woman shot her husband, she claims accidentally, but indications point otherwise.—At Norfolk yesterday a carpenter killed his foreman by a blow with a maul.—New York markets: Money on call easier, 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 per cent., ruling rate 2, closing bid 1 3/4, offered at 2. Flour quiet with prices nominally higher. Wheat strong No. 2 red 1 1/2 elevator. Corn firm, No. 2, 72 elevator. Oats firmer, mixed 56 1/2 to 57 1/2. Rosin and turpentine quiet. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 8.85, middling gulf 10.10.

Colonel Goethals now says the Panama canal will cost \$375,000,000. He will not say what estimates he will give out five years hence.

Now's Greensboro's opportunity to get a newspaper like the Charlotte Observer or the Washington Post, but it does not seem to be taking advantage of it.

Under present day law it is possible for a person or a corporation to form a conspiracy with himself or itself to reduce prices of commodities or to do anything else?

Elihu Root says the Hot Springs waters have limbered up his knee. We thought the last several years' attendance at the White House would have done that.

Indications are that there is going to be a row over Senator Root's assignment to committees if disposition is shown to give him too great preference over new Senators.

If the advocates of the passage of "Sub-section A" could guarantee that it would raise the price of leaf tobacco the tobacco producers would see something in it for them.

How could Mrs. Frohman insist on a divorce from a husband who expressed such concern for her future happiness should she succeed in her suit and marry the other man?

If Taft will read the negro paper published in Atlanta he will learn what the negroes of the South expect him to do for them—let them alone as to politics and official preferment.

Taft will be satisfied with having Knox as his "de facto" Secretary of State, whether he be "de jure" Secretary or not, and the latter he says the courts would be barred from looking into.

Is there a member of our Legislature who would dare to introduce a bill limiting the work of boys and girls on farms to sixty hours a week or prohibiting them beginning their daily task before sun rise?

Great Britain imports eight million dollars worth of eggs from Denmark annually. For the sake of the British egg eaters we hope eggs were not that "something" alluded to by Hamlet in his oft quoted remark about that country.

Root hasn't any opinion of these busy-bodies who go nosing into things which do not concern them, especially those who go prying into such musty old things as the Federal Constitution and making public forgotten things they find there.

SOLONS AT RALEIGH

State Entertains Resolution to Freight Rate Discrimination in The State.

ANTI-TRUST LEGISLATION

Special Order For Tuesday—Solicitors' Salary Bill—Remove Capital to Greensboro—Mileage Book Fight Revived.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.—A bill in the Senate by Mr. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, designed to correct freight rate discrimination in the State; a revival of the mileage book fight in the House upon the introduction of a bill by Mr. Connor, of Wilson; majority and minority reports on the anti-trust legislation in the upper branch, and word tonight from Greensboro that the people of that "good city" are preparing to move on Raleigh with an earnest hope of capturing the State capital, were the features of interest centering about the General Assembly sessions today.

Fees or salaries for solicitors of the State was the bone of contention with the Senate Judiciary Committee again this afternoon, the committee finally deciding to report favorably the committee bill to make salaries \$2,250 and providing that fees now collected for solicitors be turned into the State treasury within 20 days after each court adjourns by the clerk with itemized statements. A new duty of solicitors is to be the investigation of wrecks or calamities where the coroner may think there was criminal negligence, the officers' actual expenses to be paid in such cases. It was argued that the salary bill in the House earlier in the session had failed because the advocates of the salary principle could not agree on the amount. Many members now, however, would vote for the \$2,250 salary.

Senator Pharr's joint resolution concerning freight rates introduced today, looks to providing that in adjusting rates "per ton per mile," from North Carolina ports inland the Corporation Commission shall not fix a rate that would be in excess of the rates available to those inland points from ports without the State.

The Senate Judiciary Committee decides to report favorably the bill penalizing express companies for failure to settle promptly collections on C. O. D. shipments, this being the Merchants' Association measure. It was considerably amended and as reported favorably provides that the company must have 20 days notice or demand for settlement and tender of transportation charges. The penalties are \$25 for cases where the shipments are \$25 value or less and \$50 where the values range over \$25.

The Senate Committee on Propositions and Grievances was to have heard this evening a delegation from Greensboro on the Barringer resolution for a State election on the proposition to move the State capital from Raleigh to Greensboro. However, a telegram came from the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce to the effect that they had been disappointed in getting a special train today for a big delegation of citizens who desired to attend and asking that the hearing be deferred until some day next week when the train will be available and they will be here with the people and "the goods" in the way of inducements for a change of location. The continuance was granted.

The Senate was convened at 10:30 with Lieutenant Governor Newland. Prayer by Rev. R. T. Vann, president of the Baptist University. Senator Bassett for the judiciary committee presented the majority report on the Lockhart and Manning substitute bills, amending the anti-trust law as amended by the Lockhart bill unfavorably. Senator Lockhart submitted minority reports. Both were ordered printed and made the special order for next Tuesday after the morning hour.

Gay, to amend the revisal relative to actions against administrators and executors.

Nimocks, relative to public road law in Cumberland county.

Pharr, providing for maintenance of a North Carolina room in the Confederate museum at Richmond. It carries an annual appropriation of \$200.

Pharr, to define the residence of corporations.

Pharr, joint resolution concerning freight rates.

Bills passed final reading: H. B., to authorize bonds in Lee county; relating to Johnston county superior court; relating to sale of merchandise in bulk.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting the special report of the State Board of Internal Improvements in which new building for male patients in the State hospital for the insane at Raleigh are declared unsatisfactorily finished in a number of respects and advising the Legislative committee to inspect it before the State Hospital Commission finally settles with the contractors.

The bill for the creation of a State Board of Architecture and requiring

license to follow the profession in North Carolina was made the special order for next Wednesday.

Other bills passed final reading: relative to salaries of bank examiners, making the salaries of each of two \$2,400; H. B., to facilitate the release of mortgages and deeds of trust; authorize directors of institutions to give leases, easement and other concessions to telephone and telegraph companies for poles and wires; amend revisal as to escapes; prevent fraud upon merchants and traders; amend charter Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina; amend law as to weights and measures in Sampson county; Prescribing a method of choosing jurors in New Hanover.

The House resolution to memorialize Congress to aid in construction and maintenance of post roads throughout the State—passed unanimously. A similar resolution had been introduced in the Senate some weeks ago and tabled unanimously.

Other bills passed: Facilitate registration of contracts made by corporations; make giving of worthless checks, drafts and orders prima facie evidence of fraudulent intent, the bill being the Klutz substitute for the Merchants' Association bill; relative to working public roads in Cumberland county; provide for chemical examinations in cases of suspected poison.

Bills introduced out of order: Empte, to regulate catching clams in Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

Long, of Person; regulate approval and safe keeping of insurance securities deposited with the State.

The Senate adjourned to 10:30 Saturday morning.

Session of the House.

The House convened at 10:30 with prayer by Representative Latham, of Beaufort.

Petitions: Koonce, from citizens of Onslow to appoint S. B. Taylor, a justice of the peace.

Connor, from employees of railroads asking passage of the employees' liability bill.

Morton, from colored citizens of New Hanover against fraudulent insurance companies.

Among new bills were the following: McDonald, of Moore, to allow county improvement in Lee county.

McDonald, of Moore, to allow counties, cities and townships to purchase first mortgage bonds of railroad companies organized under the laws of North Carolina.

Cox, of Wake, to establish State Conservation Commission to protect forest and water powers.

Connor, to relieve holders of mileage books and promote the convenience of the traveling public.

Campbell, to repeal Chapter 977, Laws of 1907, relative to creation of State Fish Commission.

Cox, of Pitt, relative to betterment of free mail delivery system.

Green, for relief of Confederate soldiers.

Albritton, to amend charter of Snow Hill.

Hayes, by request, extend the time for corporations to organize.

Garvin, to incorporate the Falsion Industrial and Training School.

Graham, to increase pensions of old soldiers who lost both eyes, both arms or both legs or one arm, one leg or one eye.

Williams, of Bare, to authorize the State Treasurer to pay indebtedness of State Oyster Commission.

Mr. Underwood made the report of the legislative committee which visited the State Sanatorium for treating tuberculosis in Cumberland and commended highly the location and showed there is a two-story building with capacity of forty patients, who live most of the time and sleep out of doors. He recommends an appropriation for a farm and several improvements needed.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Hayes, that after February 26th, no more bills be introduced except by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cotton moved that his bill to establish the Torrens system of land titles in North Carolina be taken from the unfavorable calendar where it had been consigned by the judiciary committee and referred to the committee on agriculture.

He took the ground the bill vitally effected the farmers and puts land owners on the same footing as to borrowing money with holders of stock while under the present conditions it sometimes cost a man \$150 lawyer's fees to get a small loan on land.

Morton and Killian spoke for Mr. Cotton's motion and it carried with a few dissenting votes. Speaker Graham sent forward a bill to aid in the erection of a memorial by the Daughters of the Confederacy to the women of North Carolina in the Confederacy.

The bill of McDonald, of Moore, to allow solid through freight trains reaching the State on Sunday to proceed through as permitted in Virginia, South Carolina and other States nearby, passed 63 to 44 after a long discussion.

More bills were introduced and Mr. Morton's bill to regulate fishing in Cape Fear river and tributaries prohibiting ditches or other stationary nets to take effect January 1, 1910, passed with an amendment by Smith, of Harnett, that no nets or traps obstructing the passage of fish be allowed in the river in Harnett county. It was agreed to by Mr. Morton and passed third reading. Other bills passed to incorporate the town of Kenly; allow Newbern to issue bonds; Establish recorder's court in Kinston. Adjournment was till 10 tomorrow.

—Mr. Chas. N. Evans left last evening for Greensboro to spend Sunday with Mrs. Evans and children, who are visiting relatives there.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

Local Projects Taken Care of in The Bill Reported to Congress Yesterday.

TELEGRAM FROM MR. GODWIN

President of North Carolina Waterways Association Receives Gratifying News From Washington. Other Proceedings.

No more important or more gratifying information has reached Wilmington in a twelvemonth than that contained in a telegram received early yesterday afternoon by President Jas. H. Chadbourne, of the North Carolina Waterways Association, from Congressman H. L. Godwin, informing him that in the bill just reported to Congress by Chairman Burton, the local Cape Fear river and harbor improvements had not only been included, but that the committee had also recommended continuing the survey of the Inland Waterway south from Beaufort to and beyond Wilmington.

The news was especially gratifying to President Chadbourne and his co-workers in the Waterways Association, who have been working earnestly to this end. While Mr. Chadbourne had assurances from Mr. Burton that the committee was fully impressed with the importance of the local projects and would give them every consideration, the news that the ends to which the Association was working in view of the fact that there will be no general rivers and harbors bill at this session, had been fully met, was a source of infinite pleasure to all interested in the port.

The further fact, Mr. Chadbourne says, that the recommendations of Chairman Burton and his committee are never turned down by Congress, means that the bill will go through Congress at this session and the plans for a greater port at Wilmington may be set on foot at once. The telegram received by President Chadbourne is as follows:

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 19, 1909.
"Mr. James H. Chadbourne, President, North Carolina Waterways Association, Wilmington, N. C.
"River and harbor bill reported today by House Committee on Rivers and Harbors. It provides for survey of lower Cape Fear at and below Wilmington, with view to obtaining suitable depth and width. Also for Northeast branch of Cape Fear for two and half miles with view of obtaining twenty feet. Also for Inland Waterway south from Beaufort to and beyond Wilmington.

"H. L. GODWIN, M. C."
The improvement of the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear by obtaining a depth of 20 feet is for the benefit of the two large fertilizer works above Hilton bridge, which have done a large amount of dredging on their own account and which have contributed largely to the commerce of the port in general during the past several years. As to the general terms of the bill presented yesterday, the following Associated Press dispatch was received by the Star last night:

"Washington, Feb. 19.—Chairman Burton, of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, today introduced the emergency and maintenance bill for waterways improvements which carries a total appropriation of \$9,971,125. It provides for a large number of surveys for the maintenance of improvements previously authorized, and for continuing the operation of government dredges and other works \$8,155,750 is appropriated, while \$500,000 is provided for emergencies.
"For the Appomattox river at Petersburg, Va., \$60,000 is provided, and for Hale's Bar on the Tennessee river, \$50,000. The appropriations previously made for these improvements have been found to be inadequate to complete them.
"The bill provides for a National Waterways Commission, consisting of five Senators and seven members of the House of Representatives to investigate and recommend to Congress legislation for waterways improvements. \$50,000 is provided for the expenses of the commission, which is empowered to employ experts and to investigate waterways in this country and Europe.
"Six hundred thousand dollars is appropriated for examinations and surveys, contingencies and incidental repairs for rivers and harbors for which there is no special appropriation. Among the most important waterways for which preliminary surveys and examinations are provided, aside from the inland intra-coastal waterways along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts are:
Mobile harbor, mouth of Chickasaw Creek and Fowl River, Alabama, and the St. John's and Sewanee rivers, Florida; the Savannah river at Augusta, Ga.
Among other surveys are: Cape Fear river, and Beaufort Harbor, N. C.
Preliminary surveys of the Tennessee river and the Cumberland river from Carthage, Tenn., to Burnside, Ky.; and Arkansas Pass Harbor, and Sabine Pass and the Port Arthur Ship Canal, are also provided for. Another is the Nagamond river and Norfolk harbor, Va.

MR. J. E. SPRUNT DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Dillon, S. C., Has Many Relatives Here.

A telegram to Mrs. J. E. Matthews a sister, and Mr. R. W. Wallace, his brother-in-law, early yesterday afternoon conveyed to relatives and hundreds of friends in this city the painful news of the death of Mr. J. E. Sprunt, of Dillon, S. C., which occurred yesterday at 12:45 P. M. at his home after a long illness with liver trouble and complications.

Mr. Sprunt was born at Kenansville, Duplin county, and was about 52 years of age. He was a son of the late Dr. James M. Sprunt, a brother of the late Mr. Alexander Sprunt, of Wilmington, and came from a distinguished and prominent family of the Cape Fear country. For several years he was employed in Wilmington by leading commercial firms and was at one time engaged in business in early manhood at Warsaw, N. C. He married Miss Ellen Wallace, a sister of Messrs. R. W. and H. O. Wallace, of this city, and she with one son, Mr. James M. Sprunt, assistant cashier of the Bank of Dillon, survive him. There are also surviving one brother, Mr. N. H. Sprunt, of Dillon, S. C.; and two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Matthews, of Wilmington, and Mrs. John Roddick, of Fayetteville. Mr. Sprunt possessed a genial, kindly nature and made friends wherever he went. For the past several years he had represented Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, the cotton exporters of Wilmington, at Dillon, S. C., and was regarded one of the most able men on the staff of that large house. His death will be learned in Wilmington and this section of the State with the keenest regret.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Dillon and the remains will be interred there. Mrs. Matthews, Messrs. R. W. Wallace and Hugh O. Wallace and perhaps other members of the family in this city will leave on the early train this morning for Dillon to attend the funeral.

CRASHED INTO HACK

Street Car and Vehicle Made Ugly Wreck on South Front Street.

A hack owned and being driven by Mr. Wellington Tatum was run down and partially wrecked yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock on the west side of South Front street, nearly in front of Jacob's hardware store. It was raining and the curtains of the hack were up, but Mr. Tatum said that as he came down Market street and turned down Front, before crossing the tracks, he looked both ways to see that no car was in sight. Satisfying himself that the road was clear with cars running at an ordinary speed, he was driving across the west track on the street when suddenly a South Wilmington car bound from the junction crashed into him and threw the hack and the horse attached thereto on a dray that was standing in front of the hardware store. Mr. Tatum was thrown out, receiving slight bruises; his horse was skinned up to some extent and the shafts of the hack were broken and a hind wheel smashed. He had a very narrow escape. A great crowd collected to observe the results of the wreck and the vehicle was later "towed" to the shops.

OFFICER JONES INJURED.

Mounted Policeman Victim of Unfortunate Accident Yesterday.

Officer Charlie G. Jones, a mounted day policeman, was painfully injured yesterday morning about 11:30 o'clock on Fourth street bridge, when his horse slipped and fell, carrying the officer under him. The animal soon regained his feet, releasing the officer, who luckily escaped without serious injury, but his right leg and shoulder were badly sprained and bruised and the side of his face, which struck the bridge with some force, was painfully hurt.

The officer managed to scramble back to the saddle and bring the horse to the City Hall, immediately afterwards being carried to his home, No. 511 Bladen street, in a buggy, where he was given medical attention. He was able to walk rather slowly, but endured intense pain until relieved from duty, and will likely be confined to his home several days.

WARR IS RELEASED.

Prosecutor Failed to Show Up in Alleged Money Theft.

J. B. Warr, the young white man in the county jail here since Tuesday, pending trial on the charge of stealing money from Engineer Ritner, of the Coast Line, was released yesterday by Constable Savage, when the prosecutor failed to appear after being notified of the arrest.

Warr was arrested on a warrant issued on the affidavit of the Coast Line inspector for Engineer Ritner, who was notified of his arrest and authorized to have a warrant sworn out at Rowland, where the theft is alleged to have been committed. The engineer's failure to come to Wilmington and no warrant, other than one before Justice Furlong, made it impossible for the authorities to hold him a prisoner any longer.

Fear Schooner is Lost.

The owners of the British schooner Ethyl B. Sumner, New York to Wilmington, for lumber for San Domingo, entertain some uneasiness as to her welfare, the vessel being considerably overdue. She left New York on January 26th and no word has been heard from her since she went to sea. It is probable that she put into the capes for harbor and to await favorable weather and has been making slow progress down the coast.

EVEN FINER SUCCESS

Second Production of Slumberland Captivated Another Standing Room House.

MATINEE THIS AFTERNOON

Individual Parts That Elicited Much High Praise—Sale of Seats For Today's Final Performance. Behind Scenes.

The second production of the beautiful musical extravaganza, "Slumberland," was presented to another large audience at the Academy last night and again won the same hearty approval as upon the first night. If such were possible, the production was given in an even more finished and smoother style than on Thursday evening.

The melodies and choruses swung rhythmically easier and the principals last night played as if they had presented Slumberland the entire season. In the data furnished for the extended write-up in yesterday's paper, the omission of several commendable roles, the attractiveness of which clearly called for special comment, is generally regretted.

The part of Rosalie, Queen of the Banjo Girls, as portrayed by Miss Louise Wise, was easily one of the decided hits of the evening and the insistent encore was to the delight of the audience, gratified. The ease and natural grace of this talented young lady made a handsome frontispiece to one of the most charming of many beautiful pictures. Her voice, clear and sweet, carried to all parts of the house and her rendition of the "Spanish Serenade" was a genuine vocal treat.

The humor of the occasion was vastly intensified by the ebony-hued Nemo the college boys' mascot, as played by Mr. Oscar Peck. Three weird and shadowless figures flitted in and out of the scenes. They were the three campus cops, elongated and spry, in the persons of Messrs. J. C. DeHay, W. G. Rourke and J. C. Douglas. They were indeed three of "the finest" and will have jobs under the new Mayor of Wilmington.

An exceptionally fine interpretation of "The Wizard" by Mr. Herbert E. Goodwyn, would have been impossible without the accentuation afforded by four clever little imps, Henry Schloss, William Powell, Saynor Johnson and Woody Armstrong. If the warmer regions are peopled by such cute and attractive little folks, it can't be such a bad place after all. They were laughter producers of the unbottled variety.

Mr. Little and Mrs. Small as played by Frederick Hall and Mary Schloss were a tremendously cute little couple and walked right into the hearts of the audience. Misses Mary Pickett, Florence Mott, Mary Bonitz and Margaret Ellsworth were quite charming in small roles exceptionally well rendered.

Miss Margaret Quince and Mr. Harry Savage as Japanese maid and valet were delightful Oriental impersonations.

Much of the success of the production was due to the arduous work of Mrs. Foote in charge of the hundreds on the stage while Prof. Foote directed from the orchestra. One of the busiest people behind the stage and it was the liveliest place on earth, was Mr. James H. Cowan, who with his professional knowledge, transformed some four or five hundred faces of the stage make-up and in many ways was cleverly helpful with an ability strong and long established. The stage crew in charge of Manager Jas. D. Mote and the electrical effects as manipulated by Mr. John T. Yates contributed largely to the success of the brilliant production.

The young folks engaged in the cast of the big production deserve unstinted praise for their remarkable endurance and the splendid manner in which they acquitted themselves generally. A list of their names was published yesterday and it is hoped that none were omitted. The name of Miss Ruth Pleasants, one of the charming school girls, should have been included in the list as given yesterday but that is the only omission and the apologies of the reporter are due her for the inadvertence.

The doors for the matinee this afternoon will open at 2 o'clock sharp and the performance will begin at 3 o'clock. Tickets and reserved seats are on sale from 8 to 12 o'clock today at the box office at the Academy.

FIRE AT TOMAHAWK.

Barn, Forage and Two Head of Live Stock Burned Yesterday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tomahawk, N. C., Feb. 19.—The usual calm of this community was broken at 2:30 o'clock this morning by the fire alarm whistle from the planing mill of Dr. D. B. Johnson. A forage house and stables at the home of Mrs. W. B. Murphy were discovered on fire and these with a fine, black mare, a mule, a quantity of fodder and shucks and part of a cask of spirits turpentine were totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The assistance of the people of the community prevented a spread of the fire to other buildings in close proximity.

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REMOVAL OF THE CAPITAL.

We thought that proposition in the shape of a bill introduced by Senator Barringer, of Guilford county, to remove the capital from Raleigh to Greensboro was only a joke, or, at least that everybody except the introducer of the bill would look upon it as such. We find we were mightily mistaken. Guilford county people are taking the matter in dead earnest and are going to make an effort to have the Legislature pass the bill, which submits the question to a vote of the people. So seriously do they take the matter that good-sized delegations from Greensboro and other towns in the county are preparing to go to Raleigh to urge the passage of the bill. Also the Carolina Real Estate and Investment Company, of Greensboro, has instructed Senator Barringer to offer the State as a gift twenty-five acres of land in Glenwood, a suburb of the city, as a site for the State buildings should it be decided to move the capital to that city. We feel sorry for those Greensboro people if they really are in earnest in this matter—really think there is the slightest possibility of their proposition being accepted by the Legislature. The law makers of North Carolina in times past have passed some mighty foolish bills, but none that would stand remote comparison with this one. When the Guilfordites secure that change the Capitol and other State buildings will be skidded from Raleigh to Greensboro on the ice on a July day.

But just suppose such a thing should be brought about. Is there living a man with vivid enough imagination and sufficient master of descriptive language to portray the feelings and sentiments of the people of Raleigh when brought to realize the change to take place?

GOOD DEMOCRATIC TALK.

The level-headed editor of the Index-Appeal of Petersburg, Va., gives good advice to the Democrats of Virginia and sounds a note of warning which it would be well for them to heed. While his editorial is intended only for Virginians, the words of the editor apply to conditions in some sections of our State also. The advice he gives to Virginia Democrats is equally good for North Carolinians, and it is very timely coming now just as we are about to enter upon the municipal election campaign. The prohibition question has been settled by the people at the polls and we see no reason for reopening that settled issue in our State in the municipal campaign. Nothing can be gained by it and we cannot see what good motive there can be in harking back to it by either side of the former contest.

The Index-Appeal says: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. By concurrence of the action of the Anti-Saloon League and the attitude of the two candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination on the subject of local option, the liquor question has practically been eliminated from the present campaign. Is there any one willing to assume the responsibility of throwing an apple of discord into the Democratic party by introducing the liquor question as an issue at this stage of the contest? If so, what is the motive for it? Is it a motive to hurt the Democratic party? Is it hardly conceivable that such an action can help the Democratic party, or that any friends would force such an issue upon the party. Mark well the man and his motive when that issue is sprung."

A COURAGEOUS OFFICIAL.

Lieutenant Governor Newland must be a man of great moral courage to have cast the deciding vote against the railway mileage bill and thus defeat the measure in the Senate, after all the denunciatory editorials which have been published in some of the leading Democratic papers against the railroads for establishing the rule in reference to the use of the books. It is true the railroads were violating no law of the State and there is no reference to the subject in the Democratic platform; but the effort had been made in certain quarters to make it appear that by establishing the rule that owners of mileage books must have mileage "pulled" by ticket agents the railroads were violating all ten commandments at once and that all persons who opposed forcing the companies to rescind the order were common enemies of a dangerous kind, of the people. These being the conditions, we say it took great moral

courage on the part of Lieutenant Governor Newland to cast the deciding vote on the tie against the Barringer bill, thus taking upon himself the sole responsibility for its defeat. He does not seem to be afraid of being denounced as a railroad legislator or of efforts that may be made to read him out of the party for doing what he conceived to be his duty as a man and a public official.

SENATE COMMITTEE VOTE ON ANTI-TRUST BILL.

Favorable report on the Lockhart "Anti-trust bill with teeth" was defeated in the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of eight to nine. Eight Democrats voted for favorable report and seven Democrats and two Republicans voted against making such report. This shows the Democrats on the committee as near evenly divided as was possible, eight favoring the bill and seven opposing. On the substitution of the Manning for the Lockhart bill, there was the same division, with the votes reversed, eight Democrats voting against it and seven for it, and two Republicans voting with the seven Democrats for the substitute measure, thus giving it favorable report from the committee. The Judiciary committee of a legislative body is always composed of its leading lawyers, who are generally among its most prominent members. In this case seven out of fifteen Democratic members of the Senate of this class of men oppose the passage of this bill. This being the case, then, opposition to the passage of the bill can hardly be so great an offense against the people and such dastardly treachery to the party.

"It has seemed a little strange that Speaker Graham, during his absence from the chair, has seen fit to call to the high place Mr. Morton, of New Hanover, instead of Mr. W. C. Dowd, who was his strongest opponent for the place."—Charity and Children.

We suppose Speaker Graham did so because of his knowledge of Mr. Morton's ability to properly fill the position. His action was endorsed by the House, which afterward elected Mr. Morton Speaker pro tem. when Mr. Graham was compelled to be absent for a longer time than he had the right to place a member in the Chair.

The Democratic platform says: "We demand the immediate repeal of the tariff on pulp, print paper, lumber, timber and logs, and that these articles be placed upon the free list." Isn't this as much the "organic law of the party" as the declaration against trusts? Why don't we hear demands that the men of the party stand by that declaration as well as by the other?

Here is how Charity and Children looks at the proposition for a big bond issue by the State:

"Issuing bonds, like buying on credit, is beautiful for the present but bad for the future. If the State was hard up it would be another matter, but ex-Gov. Glenn told us with pride that we have quick assets sufficient to wipe out the debt we owe at any moment. Then why burden our children's children with a debt we can easily pay ourselves?"

It is all right for the State to issue bonds to secure things that are necessary and can't be secured otherwise, but it is poor policy to go in debt just because it has good credit. If it follows that policy it soon will not have the credit the advocates of big bond issues are boasting of.

When the bill passed by Congress on Wednesday, known as the Knox bill, goes into effect you can't have your liquor shipped to somebody else's address or in a package which is not stamped in conspicuous manner with the contents thereof.

The Durham Herald thinks the present Legislature superior in one important respect to those of the past few years, which is that it does not keep the people scared half to death during its sitting.

A new ten-dollar gold certificate will have a portrait of Cleveland on it. Wonder if Bryan would accept these in payment of his salary as President?

Seven papers are published in Johnston county. Were that county in Tennessee it would be hard to secure a jury in a murder trial.

The situation in Liberia ought to put a stop to talk about colonizing the negroes of this country in a republic of their own.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Great country this. There will be in Washington now in a few days several hundred thousand men who believe they are ideally fit for any job under the government—provided it pays a salary—and as many more ready to move in if there appears to be anything doing.—Baltimore News.

—It is not yet certain that Mr. Bryan has relinquished his claim on the Democratic party as a standing candidate for the Presidential nomination, but there is convincing evidence that he is holding on tenaciously as friend, counselor and guide to the party in shaping its policy and selecting its candidate.—Index-Appeal.

—It is difficult to understand how

so prominent an advocate of temperance as the Rev. Mr. Ledbetter could come to use such intemperate language as that attributed to him at Augusta, to the effect that the only law Savannah would obey would be one to hang preachers. Such statements are not creditable to the reverend gentleman's religious professions nor to his intelligence.—Savannah News.

—Bishop Greer says "the stage can be only as good as society." This was the idea of Shakespeare; "to hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature; to show virtue her own features, scorn her own image, and the very age and body of the time his form and pressure." The license that obtains on the stage is only a reflection of the license that exists off the stage. We must begin amendment by amending ourselves.—Philadelphia Record.

—In last Monday's New York Sun there was an article in which an alleged personal friend of Mr. Bryan defined the latter's position in respect to the campaign of 1912 and the part he intends to play in the field of politics pending the beginning of that campaign. According to this friend it isn't Mr. Bryan's purpose to be a candidate for the Presidential nomination of his party, but it is his purpose to do all he can to prevent any one from getting that nomination who isn't in harmony with the principles and policies for which he stands. In other words, while he will not himself seek the nomination he will endeavor to control it. If he cannot be President he at least wants to be the boss of the party.—Savannah News.

—Not since the beginning of the government have the decisions of the Supreme Court been more important, nor so far-reaching in their effects than those rendered during the last twelve months. They clearly establish the line beyond which corporations cannot legally go. They clearly define the rights of those corporations which must be respected. The Supreme Court of the United States stands today higher in the estimation of all the people of the United States than it has ever done, because, the people of today have a keener sense of justice, a deeper conviction of what is right and true than existed in the generations which preceded them. Life and property were never so secure in this country nor in the world at large as they are at this very time.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

—The seemingly innocent bill which has just been passed by the House, providing for the addition of two members to the present Interstate Commerce Commission, should be the subject of very close analysis and scrutiny. On its face it merely seeks to add to the numbers of an overburdened body and thereby to reduce the amount of duty falling to each member. If the bill could accomplish this object without incidentally producing offsetting disadvantages, the increased expense entailed upon the nation for the maintenance of the Commission would be as nothing. There is a strong belief that the main object of this bill is to provide places for two Congressmen who are shortly to be displaced owing to defeat in their home districts. These men, it is said, wish to continue in public life, and as existing appointments have been allotted or are not altogether satisfactory it is now suggested that places at comfortable salaries be created for them. This is a procedure always to be reprobated in politics, but never more so than when it affects judicial or quasi-judicial bodies.—Journal of Commerce.

TWINKLINGS.

—"Walk more," said the physician. "But," he protested, "I already have an automobile." "Get another," was the stern dictum.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

—"The girl who knows she is pretty makes a fool of herself." "And the girl who doesn't know she is pretty makes a fool of some man."—Houston Post.

—"Now, dear, take one of those powders that the doctor prescribed for your insomnia." "Why are you so anxious?" "So you won't hear me when I come in tonight."—Fleegende Blatter.

—"Mark—Faith, and I see you're back from the front, Pat. Pat (just invalided out of the service)—Begorra I knew I was thin, but I didn't know I was so thin as all that.—Harvard Lampoon.

—"See here, I wrote and asked you when you were going to pay that old account, and inclosed stamp, but you never answered." "My dear sir, wouldn't it have been a mean trick to use your own stamp to disappoint you?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

—"I am so happy," she said, "Ever since my engagement to Charlie the whole world seems different. I do not seem to be in dull, prosaic England, but—" "Lapland," suggested her little brother, who was doing his geography lesson.—Illustrated Bits.

—"I'll take it to the Mayor. If he refuses me justice, I'll take it to the Governor, and if he don't do anything I'll take it to the President of the United States." "What disgraceful thing did he do?" "He's been fined \$2 for not having his dog tagged."—Kansas City Journal.

—"Peter," said Mrs. Pneurich, "I want you to have that roof taken off our garage and one of a different kind put on." "What for?" demanded Mr. Pneurich. "What the matter with it?" "I heard an architect say the other day that it's a hip roof. Everybody knows that hips are out of style now."—Chicago Tribune.

Soldier Barks Death Plot.
It seemed to J. A. Stone, a civil war veteran, of Kemp, Tex., that a plot existed between a desperate lung trouble and the grave to cause his death. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough that stuck to me, in spite of all remedies, for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which restored my health completely. I now weigh 178 pounds. For severe Colds, obstinate Coughs, Hemorrhages, Asthma, and to prevent Pneumonia it's unrivaled. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

INCREASED NEWSPAPER RATES.

The Great Increase in Price of Material the Cause.

(Atlanta Journal.)
A dispatch to the New York Herald contains the information that the newspapers of Trenton, N. J., have at last been compelled, by reason of the increased cost of white paper, to double the price at which copies of the papers are sold and that the new rate will go into effect at once.

The increase in all the materials which enter into the making of a newspaper has made this necessary, and particularly the increase of about forty per cent. in the cost of white paper, which is one of the largest items in the expense account.

The publishers have simply found it impracticable to continue one cent papers in the face of the increased cost of production, so the State Gazette and the True American, morning papers, inaugurate the change by making an advance from one to two cents, and the Trenton Evening Times, the afternoon paper, will do likewise. The Sunday Advertiser is to be increased from three to five cents a copy, beginning next Sunday.

Publishers all over the country have realized for some time that it would be impossible to continue the old rates for subscription and advertising in view of the steady increase in the cost of all the materials which enter into the making of a newspaper. The largest commodity of all—the white paper—held firmly in the grip of the paper trust, has increased to a larger extent than any other commodity and the increase of expenses has been correspondingly great.

It was not to be expected that papers in a city like Trenton, for instance, would be able to keep the price at one cent, when leading papers in such a center as New York found it impossible to break even with such a rate. An advance in the price of subscriptions and advertising rates is an economic necessity which the papers would have been justified in putting into effect long ago.

—Statesville, N. C., Feb. 18.—At 12:30 today Sheriff Deaton received a "phone message to the effect that William Brown, a white man about 30 years old, had committed suicide near his home in Davidson township, some miles from Statesville. Brown left his home last night about midnight and nothing was heard from him until just before noon today, when his dead body was found hanging to a tree at the end of a rope in the woods. It is supposed that he climbed the tree and after fastening one end of the rope to the tree, made a noose for himself and jumped out. The reason for his self-destruction is not known.

The Secret of Long Life.
A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bitters prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds wasted nerve cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. Its a godsend to weak, sick and debilitated people. "Kidney trouble had blighted my life for months," writes W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me., "but Electric Bitters cured me entirely." Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

Why is Sugar Sweet?
If sugar did not dissolve in the mouth you could not taste the sweet. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth, but do dissolve readily in the acids of the stomach. Is just as good for Grown People as for Children. The First and Original Tasteless Chill Tonic. The Standard for 30 years, 50c.

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On to Washington
Make Reservations Promptly
In order to secure proper sleeping car accommodations, parties intending to avail themselves of the low rates to Washington on account of the inauguration of President-elect Taft, March 4th, are requested to Phone 160 promptly, as space is going rapidly.

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ARMOUR'S FERTILIZERS
W. B. COOPER, Dealer.
You Are Paying for Armour's Fertilizers
How can that be if you don't buy them?
This way:
Anything you absolutely need, you pay for, whether you get it or not.
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We have numerous testimonials stating that the users of our goods have made from 1-4 to 1-3 more cotton per acre than with any others—like this for instance:
"I have used other brands on the same soil and have made FOUR BALES TO THE PLOW MORE when I used Armour's Brand." J. T. CRAIG, Buckhead, Ga.
Do you need that extra four bales to the plow?
Then you need Armour's Fertilizers—and pay for them if you don't use them. In fact, that's the very reason why you do pay for them. If you use them, they pay for themselves and leave a handsome profit over.
Write for our combined Almanac and Cotton Calculator—Desk D
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As the State of North Carolina has gone dry and to keep our goods before the public, we quote the following goods; sold only in full cases:—
Mt. Vernon Pure Rye, 1 doz. Qts. \$13.00
Carters Straight Rye, 1 doz. Qts. 13.50
Manhattan XXXX Whiskey, 1 doz. Qts. 11.50
Royal Oak Whiskey, 1 doz. Qts. 10.00
Blue Mountain Corn Whiskey, 1 doz. Qts. 12.00
Stokes County Corn Whiskey, 1 doz. Qts. 10.00
North Carolina Corn Whiskey, 1 doz. Qts. 9.00
Duff Gordon Sherry, very pale, ... 12.00
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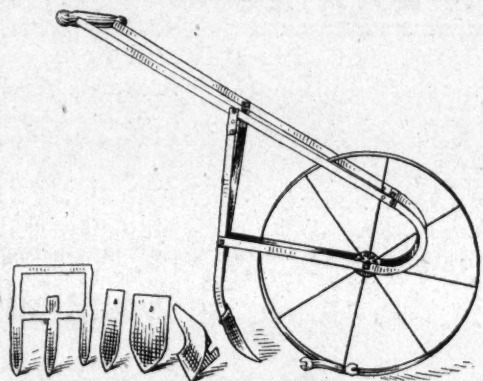
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Greatest Reduction Sale
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The Kitchen Garden is a big help.
It keeps the expenses down. This
GARDEN PLOW



is constructed for working in either heavy or light soil. In this plow the center of weight falls directly over the pivoting point, making it self-balancing.

Height of Wheel, 24 inches.
The attachments that go with each plow are a shovel, calf tongue weeder, cultivator and a mould board. Nothing but the best materials are used in the manufacture of these Plows. Price \$3.00.

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NEW SPRING STYLES



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WALK-OVER OXFORDS.
Drop in for a look at
PETERSON & RULFS

**Morning Star
BusinessLocals
25 Words 25c**

The Cute Mr. Davis

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The cute Mr. Davis figured out that to get safely away with a fortune belonging to some one else he must make himself all over. He must wipe himself out and create a new character. It was a matter requiring a good deal of consideration. One slip in the programme and the whole machinery would be thrown out of gear. When taking his position he had a fine mustache and a pair of whiskers. He cultivated them and let them grow at length. He had prominent ears, and he made them more prominent by combing his hair in a new way. His speech was naturally brisk and contained a slight lisp. He cultivated the briskness and the lisp. He had bushy eyebrows that met in the middle. He called special attention to them as a heritage from a strong race.

In the two years and a half that the cute Mr. Davis was getting ready for his grand coup he learned to speak the German language of a professor. He gave a wrong name, lied about his occupation and let it be understood that he was going to Germany as agent for an American machinery house. He managed in one way and another to become better acquainted with the country for fifty miles around than any drover or peddler. Through a second party he bought a log house and a few acres of land in a poor farming district where settlers were far between and let it be understood that a German professor was to occupy it in time to make experiments in chemistry of the soils and in geology. In his own room he donned certain garments and posed before his mirror. His brisk speech in English became a sort of drawl in German. In place of his perfect gait he cultivated a slight limp. He learned something of the rudiments of chemistry and geology. He knew what chemicals to buy to stain his face and hands and give him a swarthy look. He knew what change would come about when his whiskers and mustache disappeared.

Mr. Davis would have to ride fifty miles to his retreat when his coup came off. He could go by any one of a dozen trains, but he shook his head. Before the event was ready he had bought a horse and buggy and knew every foot of the road. He had hired a room under another name in a different part of the city, and what he needed for the metamorphosis was three days in advance of the event. The programme was gone over again and again. There was no flaw in it. The cute Mr. Davis would disappear off the face of the earth some day, and how the smart detectives were to connect Professor Schmidt with the late cashier was more than he could give them credit for. He tried hard enough, because that was his destruction or salvation, but he had to pronounce his programme simply perfection.

The great day came at last. The cashier went to the bank with the largest deposit for years—that is, a coupe set him down at the bank, but ten minutes later he was out on the walk and hurrying away. He reached his rooms, changed into his disguise and then shaved himself. Then his eyebrows were thinned out, his hair combed according to programme, and the cute Mr. Davis drew a long breath and said to himself that he defied all the detectives on earth to identify him. The rest was dead easy. A German who spoke broken English drove out of town behind a gentle horse, and no one gave him any attention or cared whether he went. At the country inn where he put up no one had any curiosity about him. When he reached his house he found that his nearest neighbor was two miles distant and a Russian Jew at that.

The cute Mr. Davis had figured that his dropping out of sight would create a sensation. He was right. For the first twenty-four hours it was thought he might be the victim of foul play. Then the bonding company began to hustle for other clues. The regular police were called in, and the reward offered brought scores of private detectives into the game. Inside of three days everybody had settled down to the belief that it was a case of "skip," and all work being done was based on that theory. Never was there a hotter hunt for an embezzler. If Mr. Davis had committed murder the chase would not have been half as vigorous. Within a week the whole United States was on the watch for him, and copies of that photograph with the whiskers were flying about like leaves in a gale. At the end of a month the army of detectives had to turn in their reports with the words "No clew" attached. It was believed that the criminal had escaped to a foreign country.

The cute Mr. Davis, alias Professor Schmidt, figured on making use of his retreat for a number of months and then assuming some other guise in some other part of the country. All went well with him for a number of weeks, and then one day a rough-head of a boy who was hunting for a lost calf approached the house to ask for information and heard a man singing a song in "good old fashioned English." He had been told that the occupant was a German. He went away and reported his "find," and it got to the ears of a constable, and from thence to the sheriff and the detectives, and a week later the cute Mr. Davis was dragged out of his burrow, identified after awhile and is today serving the state on a ten year sentence. He was over two years building up a programme without a flaw, and yet a boy who could not read or write or tell the time of day knocked it into a cocked hat in half an hour.

M. QUAD.

Announcement

An expert cutter, representing The Hopkins Tailoring Co., of Baltimore, Md., will be at our store Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

February 18th, 19th, 20th.

with a full and complete line of foreign and domestic woollens to take measures for Spring and Summer Suits and Coats and Pants. We cordially invite you to call and examine this beautiful line.

Suits made to order from.....\$15.00 to \$40.00

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All kinds of short lengths Carpet and Mattings, just the correct size for rugs, to be sold for less than cost. The home renovating time is here, so here's your opportunity to save.

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All lengths, widths and colors. One special lot of shades to close out at less than the manufacturers' cost.

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HARDWARE.**

Nov 15 tt

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

By virtue and in pursuance of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the case of Charity Henry vs. Gracie Ann Nixon et al., the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash on Wednesday 3rd March, 1903 at 12 m., at the Court House Door in the City of Wilmington, N. C., the following lots situate in said City: 1st, a lot beginning at Southeast intersection of 14th and Chesnut streets, runs East with line of Chesnut street 165 feet, thence South parallel with 14th street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Chesnut street 165 feet to East line of 14th street, thence North 66 feet to beginning. 2nd, a lot beginning in the Eastern line of Twelfth street 132 feet South of the Southern line of Wooster street, runs South along said line of 12th street 66 feet, thence East parallel with Wooster street 165 feet, thence North parallel with 12th street 66 feet, thence East 165 feet to beginning being west half lot 3, Block 56. If the lot first described brings enough to pay the judgment and costs, the second above described will not be sold.

WM. M. BELLAMY,

Commissioner.

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THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK

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At the close of business Feb. 5th, 1903.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts.....	\$2,689,583.60
N. C. State and other	
Bonds	289,568.15
U. S. Bonds (at par).....	550,000.00
Bank Buildings	55,000.00
Cash	1,089,735.97
	\$4,673,887.72

LIABILITIES:

Capital	\$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profits..	315,156.38
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account.....	100,000.00
Deposits	3,158,731.34
	\$4,673,887.72

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Read the Business Locals

The Morning Star.

Saturday, February 20, 1909.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 20, 1909.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours
ending at 8 P. M. Friday, Feb. 19th:
Temperature at 8 A. M. 58 degrees;
8 P. M. 56 degrees; maximum 64 de-
grees; minimum 47 degrees; mean 56
degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .30; for the
month 3.00 inches.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river at
Fayetteville Wednesday at 8 A. M.
8.8 feet.

For North Carolina—Fair and cold-
er Saturday with diminishing west
winds; Sunday fair, slightly warmer
in interior.

Port Calendar—Feb. 20.

Sun Rises.....6:44 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:45 P. M.
Day's Length.....10 hrs. 48 min.
High water at Southport 7:44 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 10:17 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. Warren & Son—Cakes.
Palace Market—You Want.
Crystal Palace—Last Chance.
Gieschen Bros.—Atlantic Cafe.
Southern National Bank—Accounts.
Hopkins & Davis—Fine, Fancy Fat.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—It Means Some-
thing.

Business Locals.

To Rent—Rooms.
Lost—Fox Terrier.
Lost—Black Overcoat.
C. D. Gilbert & Bros.—Special Pri-
ces.
Hanover Building & Loan Asso.—
Series.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. S. E. Ottaway, of Holly Ridge,
spent yesterday in Wilmington on a
business visit.

—Mrs. J. A. Fountain and daughter,
Miss Lillian Fountain, are the guests
at the home of Mr. J. G. Snider in
Rocky Mount, returning from a visit
to other relatives and friends in Nor-
folk, Va.

—Mr. Frank L. Huggins left yester-
day morning for Norfolk where he
will join Mrs. Huggins and little son,
who are guests at the home of Mr.
Ben Mitchell. They will be in Norfolk
to witness the home-coming of the
fleet.

THE ATHLETIC BENEFIT.

Interesting Affair at Wilmington High
School on Monday Evening.

The athletic benefit to be given at
the Wilmington High School on Mon-
day evening beginning at 8:15 o'clock
promises to be an altogether pleasant
affair for all who attend. As previously
stated, pupils of Mrs. Curtis Arnall-
North will give a series of readings
in connection with the presentation
of "The Ancient Mariner" and musical
numbers will be rendered by pu-
pils of Miss Cammie Chaston. Other
musical numbers will be a violin solo
by Mrs. J. D. Edwards and solos by
Miss Lucy McIntosh and Mr. J. Wes-
ley White. In addition to these the
Washington Birthday feature will be
made prominent in a flag song and
drill by a chorus of High School stu-
dents and a spirited rendition of the
Star Spangled Banner with musical
accompaniment by the pupils of the
school. The admission will be 25c
to the general public and 15c to school
children.

MESSRS. CONRADI PLEASED

Recital at Grace Church Last Night
Most Enjoyable Event.

Music lovers were given a decided
treat at Grace Methodist church last
evening in the appearance of the tal-
ented violinist, Mr. Arthur Conradi,
and Mr. Austin Conradi, pian-
ist, who were greeted by a large and
cultured gathering, among whom were
many prominent musicians of the city
under the auspices of the Epworth
League of the church.

The affair was generally charming
and all were enthusiastic in their
praise of the excellent recital. The
young musicians came to Wilmington
with few recommendations and these
were fully sustained in the apprecia-
tion of the good music by a cultured
Wilmington audience. The violin used
by Mr. Conradi during the entertain-
ment was loaned him by Mr. Albert
Hilderbrand, a famous violin expert
of Baltimore.

SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES

Miss Grace Stamps Comes To James
Walker From Mt. Sinai Hospital.

The Board of Managers of the
James Walker Memorial Hospital ac-
count themselves exceedingly fortu-
nate in securing as superintendent of
nurses at the institution to succeed
Miss Shields, who has returned to her
home in West Virginia, Miss Grace
Stamps, of Mt. Sinai Hospital, in New
York City. Miss Stamps visited Wil-
mington recently and was delighted
with the opportunities of her work at
the hospital here and will arrive on
March 1st to take up the duties of the
position to which she has been elected.
Miss Shields returned to her home
some time ago and Miss Lois Toomer,
of Wilmington, is most acceptably fill-
ing the position of acting-superinten-
dent of nurses in the interval of the
coming of Miss Stamps.

Mr. Bonitz Awarded Contract.

Plans and specifications for the
erection of a handsome new Metho-
dist church at Lumberton, N. C., are
being prepared by Mr. Henry E. Bon-
itz, of this city, who was recently
commissioned to arrange all details
preliminary to the building. It will
be a brick edifice and a splendid struc-
ture. Mr. Bonitz has also begun plans
for a Baptist church, to be erected at
Littleton, N. C.

What got next to Senator Penrose
was that Senator LaFollette was tel-
ling the truth in the Senate.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Building Inspector Furlong issued
a permit yesterday to Mrs. Lucy F.
Perry, for the erection of a cottage
on Wood, between Green and Fanning
streets, at a cost of \$400.

—Helen Swinson, a colored woman,
recently adjudged insane at an exa-
mination before the Clerk of the Super-
ior Court, will be carried to Goldsboro
this morning by Deputy Sheriff Piver,
and placed in the asylum.

—Having returned from the great
Laymen's Convention at Birmingham
where he was one of the speakers dur-
ing the past week, Rev. J. M. Wells,
D. D., will occupy his pulpit at the
First Presbyterian Church as usual
tomorrow morning and evening.

—Rocky Mount Echo: "Mr. W. T.
Fulk who resigned his position as time
keeper for the Coast Line at South
Rocky Mount, left Friday night for
New Jersey where he will make his
home. The position made vacant by
the resignation of Mr. Fulk is filled
by Mr. Rutledge, of Wilmington."

—Before the local campaign reaches
a higher temperature than now pre-
vails, the Star will remind those in-
terested that not only announcements
of candidates, but communications in-
tended to influence voters one way or
another will be charged for at adver-
tising rates.

—Amanda Williams, colored, arrest-
ed last Tuesday and placed in the
guard house for safe keeping, her
mind being unbalanced on the sub-
ject of religion, has been sent to the
county home. Her condition has im-
proved and an investigation to deter-
mine her sanity was unnecessary.

—Pender Chronicle: "Mr. William
P. Utley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visit-
ing Rev. Charles H. Utley, Mr. Utley was
for 18 years a wholesale merchant in
Wilmington, but moved to New York
in 1865 and became a banker and bro-
ker, which he has followed for forty
years. He had an office on Wall
street for 27 years. He was the first
deacon in the new First Presbyterian
Church of Wilmington fifty years ago.
Mr. Utley has been eminently success-
ful in business, which has caused him
to cover this continent ten times since
1901. He is now in his 81st year, but
vigorous still."

MR. WILLIAM H. SLOAN DEAD.

Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon at
His Home at Chinquepin, N. C.

Many Wilmington friends will learn
with sorrow of the death of Mr. Wil-
liam H. Sloan, a leading citizen and
business man of Chinquepin, Duplin
county, which occurred yesterday af-
ternoon at 2 o'clock at his home after
an illness of some time. The imme-
diate cause of his death was loco-
motor ataxia, although he had been prac-
tically an invalid for a number of
years. Mr. Sloan was born in Duplin
county April 11th, 1841, and was,
therefore, in the 68th year of his age.
He was a son of the late David Sloan,
of Duplin, and had lived all his life
near Chinquepin. In early manhood
the war came on and he served faith-
fully as a soldier in the Confederacy.
Returning home he engaged in the
mercantile business and was success-
ful in this line until his death. He
married Miss Martha G. Sheffield
and she with a family of ten sons and
daughters, all grown, survive him.
They are Mrs. C. E. Hussey, Messrs.
R. W., E. D. Sloan, of this city; Frank
Sloan, A. R., Binford, S. S. and L. J.
Sloan, Dr. C. S. Sloan and Mrs. J. H.
Booth, all of Duplin. He is also sur-
vived by one sister, Miss Amanda
Sloan, of Duplin county. They all have
the sympathy of many friends in the
bereavement which he leaves. Mr. E.
D. Sloan, of this city, and all other
members of the family were with
their father when he passed away.
The funeral will be conducted from
the late residence this afternoon at 4
o'clock and the remains will be interred
in the family burying ground near
Chinquepin.

BACK FROM BIRMINGHAM.

Wilmington Party Who Attended the
Laymen's Meeting This Week.

The Wilmington party of prominent
Presbyterians who left last Monday
on a special Pullman over the Sea-
board Air Line and attended the great
Laymen's Missionary Convention of
the Southern Presbyterian Church,
the proceedings of which have been
carried from day to day in the tele-
graphic columns, returned on the ear-
ly morning train today from Birming-
ham, Ala., delighted with their trip
and enthusiastic over the influence
of the great gathering upon the future
work of the church.

In the party were Dr. Jos. Akerman,
Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, Mr. James Sprunt,
Mr. W. M. Cumming and son, Mr. H.
W. Malloy and Mr. C. W. Worth, of
Wilmington; Mr. Joseph A. Brown, of
Chadbourne; Rev. W. M. Sikes, of Bur-
gaw; and Rev. A. E. Baker, of Lum-
berton. Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pas-
tor of the First Church, with his little
son, were in Mississippi at the time
of the convention, and joined the Wil-
mington party there, returning with
them last night.

Cases in Mayor's Court.

Two defendants on frivolous charges
were given a hearing at the session
of the police court yesterday. A Mc-
Intire, colored, on the charge of vagrancy
proved to the satisfaction of the court
that he had visible means of support
and judgment was suspended. Sam
Dixon, for fast driving, was given trial
and stated that he was hurrying a man
to the boat, who had received a mes-
sage stating the illness of relatives,
and judgment was suspended pending
an investigation.

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nal, quickly absorbed.

The Theatre

The sale of seats for the opening
performance Monday night of the Ver-
non Stock Company commences this
morning at Plummer's and the usual
free courtesy will be extended the
ladies, provided tickets are purchased
by 6 o'clock Monday afternoon. The
opening bill of the company will be
"The Unwritten Law," which is Mark
Swan's powerful drama and not in
anyway founded on the Harry Thaw
case. It is a play of intense interest
and one entirely new to Wilmington
theatre-goers, which will be found
something refreshing. In connection
with the bill will be presented a strong
line of vaudeville acts, including "The
Carltons" thus really giving two per-
formances for the price of one.

The Vernon Stock Company is one
of the best popular price attractions
on the road and has a repertoire that
far surpasses any presented here by
repertoire companies heretofore.

At the Crystal Palace.
With the performances today the
present big and novel bill will bid
farewell to Palace patrons and who
have been thoroughly delighted with
this week's offering. Business, was
naturally off yesterday on account of
the inclement weather, but it was ne-
vertheless good under the circum-
stances and each audience greatly en-
joyed the performance. The act of El
Rico and the fine comedy sketch work
of Wills and Barron continue to be
big features, while Billie Williams,
the comedian, never fails to please.

Four Films at Bijou.
Four new pictures in all will be the
big Saturday offering at the Bijou.
"The Scar," an artistically colored
film of the Pathe Freres series; "Sam-
my Celebrates," a rip-roaring comedy
offering and two others of equal va-
riety. "The Scar" presents a pretty
little drama of the period of Louis
XIV in which two young noblemen are
in love with the charming Lady Cecil,
but she shows one of them that she
does not care for his attentions. She
is attacked by ruffians in her garden
and in the trouble, she bites one of
them on the arm and effects her es-
cape. The marriage is about to be
celebrated and as her fiancée is about
to sign the marriage certificate be-
fore the ceremony, he removes his
gloves and the scar presents the proof
of his infidelity. A duel follows which
terminates the love affair happily for
all.

At The LeGrand.

An extraordinary offering in moving
pictures at the LeGrand this after-
noon and tonight will be a feature
Pathe Freres film, "Incriminating Evi-
dence," a startling drama depicting
the seamy side of Parisian life as pro-
duced by Mr. Severin and Max Dearly.
The drama is full of action and thrill-
ing scenes, the first being laid in a
haunt in the slums of Paris. The fam-
ous "third degree" as practiced by the
Paris Police is shown incidentally to
the play with other startling features.
"The Girl at the Old Mill" is another
beautiful picture at the LeGrand to-
day and the illustrated song will be
"Taffy." Prices never more than 5
cents and continuous performance
from 2 to 11 P. M.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors
For Services Tomorrow.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church,
Front and Queen streets, Rev. J. S.
Crowley, pastor: Services at 11 A.
M. and 7:30 P. M., tomorrow, Sunday
School at 3 P. M. Mid-week service
Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The
public is cordially invited to attend
any or all of these services.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian church,
corner of Fourth and Campbell streets,
Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor:
Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7:30
P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. W.
C. E. Society at 7 P. M. Prayer
meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8
P. M. The public is cordially invited.
Seats free.

First Presbyterian Church, corner
Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M.
Wells, D. D., pastor: Regular ser-
vice Sunday morning at 11 A. M. and
7:30 P. M., by the Poston, Rev. J. M.
Wells, D. D. Sunday School at 4 P. M.
Christian Endeavor Society at 7 P. M.
Mid week prayer meeting Wednesday
evening at 8 P. M. All welcome.
Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects
to preach at East Wilmington tomor-
row afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

REV. DR. L. L. NASH

Under Advice of Physicians Will Re-
tire From Ministry For While.

The hundreds of Wilmington friends
of the beloved Dr. L. L. Nash will read
with much regret the following cor-
respondence from Laurinburg to yester-
day's Charlotte Observer:
"Laurinburg, Feb. 18.—News has
reached Laurinburg that Rev. Dr. L.
L. Nash, the pastor of the Methodist
churches at St. John's and Gibson,
is suffering so greatly with indiges-
tion, with possible heart complica-
tion, that his physicians have order-
ed him to rest for awhile. Dr. Nash
is perhaps one of the best known min-
isters in North Carolina, having
friends and admirers throughout the
State."

Rev. Mr. Black Arrives Today.

Rev. William Black, the Synodical
evangelist of North Carolina, will ar-
rive today and will assist in the ser-
vices being conducted at Immanuel
Presbyterian church. Mr. Andrew
Burr, the singer, of Canada, who ac-
companies the evangelist, has been in
the city several days. Services at Im-
manuel church were conducted last
evening by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D.,
pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian.
The services are attracting some inter-
est and are well attended, as prelimi-
nary to the great meeting which it is
proposed to hold next week when Mr.
Black will preach twice daily at 10
A. M. and 8 P. M.

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at a men's meeting under the auspices
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Rev. Mr. Black is a fluent and in-
teresting speaker and the gathering
on Sunday afternoon will doubtless be
large. The stereopticon views with
an address on the subject, proves
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meeting at the Association on Sun-
days. Rev. Mr. Black will assist in a
series of services to be held next
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INTER-STATE CONTEST.

Y. M. C. A. Membership Campaign
Wages Furiously—Charleston.
A telegram received late last night from Charleston, S. C., headquarters of the great inter-state membership contest now being waged in the Carolinas and Georgia, shows that as a result of the day's work, Charleston is leading with 695 points, though Charlotte is a close second with 605; Columbia, third with 333, and Augusta fourth with 320. Spartanburg, S. C., is out of the running and Thomasville, Ga., was late in reporting. The result of the day's work in Wilmington by the Reds and Blues places Wilmington at 232, the Reds leading with 122 and the Blues pushing them closely with 110. The Wilmington teams have by no means lost heart and expect to be in the race until its close on Monday.

DUN & CO'S. TRADE REVIEW.

Progress Toward Revival of Trade
Slow—China Trade Increasing.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Feb. 19.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:
Improvement in the structure of business is much more pronounced than improvement in the activity of business. While financial and political developments, both in Europe and the United States are distinctly better, the progress toward the eagerly expected revival of trade is slow and, especially in the iron, copper and coal trades, is disappointing. Cotton goods are firm. Woolen goods are chiefly active in the better grades of fancy worsteds.
Continued firmness of raw material indicates little likelihood of a revision of prices in cotton goods, and some lines even show a tendency to advance, although trade generally is quiet. There is no resumption in the export demand, but the fact that China has already taken 50,000 bales since the first of December as against 80,000 bales during the entire year of 1908 materially strengthens this branch of the market. The foot wear market is decidedly dull. Mail orders being infrequent and the jobbing trade buying only to meet immediate requirements.

PASSED OVER GOVERNOR'S VETO

Tennessee's Executive Declares Primary Bill Neither Fair Nor Just.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 19.—"Such laws will nurture the mother of unnumbered political crimes and will subject the people to a tyranny and oligarchy from which it may take them years to escape."
This is the conclusion of three messages which Governor Patterson today submitted to the General Assembly in declining to approve the three election bills, which have recently been passed. He declares that the bills are neither fair nor just, and asserts that the "force bill" which once threatened the South was not more odious to a free people than these measures.

The Senate passed the legalized compulsory primary bill over the Governor's veto by a vote of 18 to 14.

BULGARIA IS CONVINCED

Time Has Come to Declare Independence—Notifies Natives.
(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Paris, Feb. 19.—Bulgaria has notified France and the other powers of Europe that she is now convinced that the moment has arrived for a formal recognition of her independence. She calls attention to the fact that she has waited patiently, following the advice of the powers and maintained an attitude of dignity and she expresses fear that the international troubles in Turkey will retard greatly the settlement of her pending questions with that country. Further delay would be dangerous to all interests, it is pointed out, and likely to bring about a breach of the peace in the Balkans.

CARRAWAY'S SHORTAGE \$116,000.

Defaulting Teller of Newbern Bank. Bond is Increased.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Newbern, N. C., Feb. 19.—A shortage amounting to \$116,000 was announced at the preliminary hearing today of John R. B. Carraway, defaulting teller of the National Bank of Newbern. Of this amount \$20,000 has been recovered and the directors of the bank have put in \$100,000. Carraway's bond, which was fixed at \$5,000 on Wednesday when he was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Fred A. Hull, National Bank Examiner, was increased today to \$8,000.

MUST ELIMINATE NAMES.

Women in Criminal Assault Cases—Law in South Carolina.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 19.—A bill has been passed by the General Assembly of this State making it a misdemeanor for any newspaper or magazine to publish the name of any maid or woman upon whom an attempt to ravish, or an assault has been committed. The penalty for violation of this law is fixed at \$1,000. Court publications are exempt from the provisions of the bill. The measure was introduced in the Senate by Senator Kelley, of Lee county.

WARM WIRELETS.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs has reported favorably the bill passed by the Senate appropriating \$135,000 for finishing the crypt of the chapel at Annapolis Naval Academy as the permanent resting place of the body of John Paul Jones.

Five hundred school children were thrown into a panic by an explosion of a gas stove in public school building No. 22, in Baltimore yesterday, but, although numbers of the pupils jumped from windows or were jammed together in doorways, no fatalities were reported and none was seriously hurt. Fortunately no flames followed.

Will that "anti-trust bill with teeth" re-establish those tobacco manufacturers which went out of business before the tobacco trust was formed?

Quick Love.

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There are more love affairs induced by a sharing of danger than any other one cause. At 5 o'clock one afternoon I was introduced to a girl I had never seen before. At 6 we were sitting hand in hand enduring a frightful strain. At 8 we were locked in each other's arms. At 10 we were lovers for life.

On that memorable afternoon I was sauntering through one of those cathedrals abroad where the natives go to pray and strangers go to stare when a party of my fellow countrymen approached, and one of them, whom I knew, introduced me to the rest, among them Miss Hilda Crane. I joined them, and together we gazed at paintings and statues of sacred characters, poking our noses into every nook and cranny in the most unbecoming manner. Seeing a man emerge from a little door about four feet high, which he closed with a bang, as I passed I took hold of the knob and saw that the latch had not caught. Pulling the door open and stooping, I looked in. The chamber was dark, so to see the better I entered. Miss Crane appeared at the door and, bending, also came in. The rest of the party passed on. Miss Crane and I stood investigating the chamber. It was very small, rectangular, and the ceiling was so high that we could not estimate its distance—in fact, we couldn't see it. I put my hand up, but could not reach it.

Suddenly the door, which had been left slightly ajar, closed with a slam. Then it was jerked as if to try whether the latch had caught, and we heard footsteps retreating on the marble floor. I put my hand against the door, shouting at the same time. It was fast, and there was no answer to my call. The man whom I had seen close it had doubtless returned, seen it open and shut it.

So much for that stupid curiosity which possesses sightseers.
For a moment we scarcely realized our position, but I soon saw that unless released we were likely to have a terrible time before us, ending in insanity and death by starvation. My companion presently became aware of the same possible result and convulsively grasped my arm.

Our eyes soon became used to the darkness, and we could dimly see the walls. Looking up to discover where any light could come from, I saw a luminous line in the shape of the rectangle forming the outline of the ceiling. This puzzled me. It was lucky I had something to puzzle me, for one can't contemplate calamity and study a problem at the same time. I called Miss Crane's attention to it as a diversion.

But how make our position known? The door was very thick and made of some substance on the outside to resemble the cathedral's interior. I hammered and kicked, but against a non-resounding material. Then I shouted. I listened intently for footsteps, but failed to detect any sound whatever.
To allay so far as possible my companion's apprehension I told her that it was possible we might have to stay where we were all night and we must make the best of it. Her only reply was a moan that froze my blood.

We heard the cathedral clock strike 6. Then, looking up, I was astonished to notice that the ceiling had descended. I judged that it was now about twenty feet high, though it might have been forty. At any rate, it was much nearer than when I first looked up. Tired of standing, we were sitting on the floor. Miss Crane was suffering from hysteria, and to quiet her I held her hand in a firm grip. She, too, had noticed the descending ceiling.

No pen could describe the horror of seeing that something falling so slowly that the eye could not detect its motion. I folded my companion in my arms and held her cheek against mine. We were united before an appalling death. I begged her not to look up for every time she did so her glance would be followed by a new and more terrible hysteria.

Meanwhile the rectangle of light faded, and we were in darkness. I stood up and stretching forth my hand could feel the ceiling. It seemed to be of metal. Passing my fingers around the line where it joined the wall, I discovered that there was a space between it and the wall. It must be suspended.

I said nothing of its proximity to my companion. She need not know till the fatal moment came. The ceiling settled till when I stood at my full height it touched my head. Then the clock struck 10.
A few minutes after this I heard the click of cogwheels as though some one were turning a crank. My hand was resting on the ceiling at the time, and I felt it rise. In a few moments it had passed beyond my reach.
"We are saved, sweetheart, my love, my life!" I pressed her to me, raising kisses on her cheeks, her lips, her eyes. "It has gone! Speak to me! Tell me of your joy—that you love me!"

It was in the midst of these transports that the door opened and the apartment was flooded with light that illumined a crowd of anxious faces in the opening.

"Thank God! We have found you at last!"
We were in the clock tower. The weight that moved its machinery was suspended over us. The keeper had wound the clock before going to bed.

My wife and I when sightseeing can never be tempted out of the beaten path of visitors. We have had enough of that.
ALEXANDER ELY.

The grape illustration is to remind the reader of the fact that this healthful fruit gives to Royal its active and chief ingredient. From the grape



AVERTED A DUEL.

The Soft Answer That Was Returned to the Challenge.

Mrs. Minnie Walter Myers, in her "Romance and Realism of the Southern Gulf Coast," gives an account of one of the last challenges to a duel which occurred in Louisiana. The affair was between M. Marigny, who belonged to one of the oldest families of Louisiana, and a Mr. Humble, a sturdy ex-blacksmith of Georgia, who had become a man of political consequence.

Mr. Marigny took offense at some remarks of the Georgian and sent him a challenge. The big ex-blacksmith was nonplused.

"I know nothing about this dueling business," he said. "I will not fight him."

"You must," said his friend. "No gentleman can refuse."

"I am not a gentleman," replied the honest son of Georgia. "I am only a blacksmith."

"But you will be ruined if you do not fight," urged his friends. "You will have the choice of weapons, and you can choose so as to give yourself an equal chance with your adversary."

The giant asked time in which to consider the question and ended by accepting. He sent the following reply to M. Marigny:

"I accept, and in the exercise of my privilege I stipulate that the duel shall take place in Lake Pontchartrain, in six feet of water, sledge hammers to be used as weapons."

M. Marigny was about five feet eight inches in height, and his adversary was seven feet. The conceit of the Georgian so pleased M. Marigny, who could appreciate a joke as well as perpetrate one, that he declared himself satisfied, and the duel did not take place.

STREET LIGHTS.

How Throughfares Were Illuminated in the Seventeenth Century.

Lighting the streets of a large city in olden times was a far different thing from the illumination of our thoroughfares now. In 1661 the streets of London were directed to be lighted with candles or lanterns by every householder fronting the main road from nightfall to 9 o'clock, the hour of going to bed.

In the last year of King Charles II.'s reign one Edward Henning obtained the right to light the streets with lanterns placed over every tenth door from 6 o'clock on moonless evenings until midnight between October and April. During the reign of Queen Anne in July, 1780, Mr. Michael Coke introduced globular glass lamps with oil burners instead of the former glimmering lanterns. In 1716 an act was passed which enjoined every householder to furnish a light before his door from 6 to 11 o'clock at night, except on evenings between the seventh night of each moon and the third after it reached its full.

In a few years a company was formed to light the street from 6 o'clock till midnight, each householder who paid poor rates being required to contribute for this purpose 6 shillings a year.

Gaslight, at its introduction in the beginning of the last century, presented such a novel spectacle to the eyes of foreign ambassadors that they were vain enough to imagine that the brilliant lamps were a part of a general illumination to celebrate their arrival.

BLOCKADED.

Every Household in Wilmington Should Know How to Resist It.

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Lots of proof that Doan's Kidney Pills do this. It's the best proof, for it comes from Wilmington.

N. R. King, 808 Wooster St., Wilmington, N. C., says: "I know Doan's Kidney Pills to be a valuable remedy. I used them and they proved of great benefit in relieving the pain in my back and the soreness over the kidney regions. They stopped these troubles after plasters and liniments had failed. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Robert R. Bellamy's drug store."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

VOTED WITHOUT BALLOTS.

An Election Day at Charlottesville, Va., in 1804.

At Charlottesville, Va., the seat of Albemarle county, according to Miss Mary Johnston's chronicle of "Lewis and Clark," they were voting for a member of the house of delegates. It was the fourth Wednesday in April. The year was 1804.

"Under the locust trees to the right of the open gate were placed long tables, flanked by drinking cups and guarded by house servants of venerable appearance and stately manners. Here good Federalists refreshed themselves. To the left of the gate, upon the trampled grass beneath a mulberry, appeared other punch bowls and in addition a barrel of whiskey ready broached for all good Democrat-Republicans. The sunny street was filled with horses, vehicles and servants; the broad path between the trees, the turf on either hand and the courthouse steps were crowded with riotous voters. All ranks of society, all ages, occupations and opinions, met in the genial weather beneath the trees, where sang every bird of spring."

Within the courthouse the sheriff presided. Conspicuous sat the two candidates. There were no ballots, but each voter made known his choice by living voice.

"I vote, sir," cried the colonel, "for Mr. Ludwell Cary, for a gentleman and a patriot, sir, and may the old county never be represented but by such!"

The Money Germ.

The Baltimore Sun comes out with a warning that probably few will heed. It says, "Don't let the money germs bite you," and adds that a man who has taken the trouble to count 'em says that 124,000 bacteria roost comfortably on each one dollar bill after the currency has been circulating freely for a year or so. So if you have \$50 in your pocket you are probably carrying around about 6,200,000 germs. "Yet," says the Sun, "there are men brave enough to face this terrible risk just for the sake of having a roll of greenbacks. It simply shows what dangers man will undergo for money. Most of us, however, are not in serious danger."

Garibaldi's Simplicity of Character.
An instance of Garibaldi's modesty and simplicity of character is afforded by the following letter, written to his wife at Caprera the day after the battle of Diagon:

Dear Francesca—Yesterday the Italian volunteers fought the whole day against the Prussians, the best soldiers in the world, and won. The weather here is very cold, and it is snowing. I dare say it will be the same in the Mediterranean. Take care of the cows and see that the calves do not suffer from the cold. Tell Pietro to sow the beans at the Tole and tell the children, Clelia and Manlio, that when I passed Marcellis I saw some beautiful toys, which on my return I shall get for them.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, Phone 51.

LOST—Fox terrier puppy, white with black and tan ears. Reward if returned to Waddell Waters, 110 Orange street. fe 20-1t.

SPECIAL PRICES on dressed turkeys today. Hen turkeys, 22 cents; gobblers 20 cents. Pork, chickens, eggs, etc. C. D. Gilbert & Bros. fe 20-1t.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

DON'T FORGET THE DATE—

March 6th is the opening of new series in the Hanover Building and Loan Association. Money deposited in this way is a safe and paying investment and every man should begin saving now for a rainy day or think about buying a home. We have helped many others and will help you. Shares 25 cents worth \$100, at maturity. Call and notify us how many shares you want at once, and avoid the rush. John J. Fowler, President; H. F. Wilder, Secretary and Treasurer. Phone 631, 207 Princess street. fe 20-1t.

LOST—Between Seventh and Market and Scott's Hill, a black overcoat with red knit mittens in pocket. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Martin Brunjes, corner of Seventh and Market streets. fe 20-1t.

FOR RENT—Two rooms on second floor, 407 South Fourth street. Apply to W. R. Appleberry, above address. fe 20-1t.

TIMBER FOR SALE—I have 2,000 acres of land well timbered. It is estimated to cut about 4 1/4 million feet of long and short leaf and hard wood such as Blackgum, Poplar, Sweetgum and Ash. Will sell part cash balance on installment plan. Want to sell this Spring. Write me at Loris, S. C., or Tabor, N. C. W. K. Holt. Feb 19-2w

AUCTION SALE—I will on next Wednesday at 11 A. M., sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the entire stock of groceries and fixtures of J. J. Moore & Co., Eighth and Wooster streets. Will sell the whole or in parts. R. B. Moore, Assignee. fe 18-6t.

SPECIAL OFFER—Six half cabinet photographs and one platinum finish enlargement, for one dollar. Best value ever offered. Titmas & Foltz, Props. The Gem Studio, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. fe 17-1t.

SEND YOUR FILMS to the Gem Studio, 114 Market street. Any size film developed, ten cents. Any size picture finished for five cents. Titmas & Foltz, props. fe 17-1t.

WILMINGTON STEAM LAUNDRY. Front and Orange streets. Phone 29. Good work and prompt delivery. We use the pressing machine. For shirts it is a better finish and not so hard on the goods; bosoms kept in perfect shape. No stretching one side longer than the other with pleat or lap at the bottoms. Mail orders promptly attended to and returned in a few days. Try us. J. T. Harper. fe 16-1m.

FOR RENT—Store No. 403 North Front street, next to the corner of Walnut or one block from the A. C. L. depot, is one of the best business locations in the city. Plate glass front. Terms reasonable. B. H. J. Ahrens. fe 16-6t.

GRANULATED SUGAR 5 1/2 cents, 25 pound sacks \$1.30; Arbuckle's coffee, 15 cents per pound; Fancy Patent flour, 3 1/2 cents per pound, \$6.00 per barrel, \$3.00 per half barrel. Just what it cost at the mills. People's Supply Company, 206 North Front street. Phone 314 or 420. fe 16-6t.

WANTED—By Waccamaw Lumber Company, Bolton, N. C., planing mill laborers, machine feeders and graders. Apply in person at Bolton, N. C. fe 14-1w.

UPHOLSTERING. repairing, varnishing, at 114 1/2 Dock street. Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6-1t.

FOR SALE—New saw mill, complete, including mules, tram road, engine, etc., with 26,000 acres of the best Florida pine timber. Can be bought with \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 cash, balance on easy payments. Address "Saw Mill" Box 35, Tampa, Fla. fe 5-1m.

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Olders come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-1t.

FOR HIGHEST MARKET PRICES, honest and quick returns, ship your chickens, ducks, eggs, geese, turkeys and all other country produce to C. B. Bellos, 16 North Second street, N. C. Hams and bacon, a specialty. Phone 1576. fe 7-3m.

FREE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY for the poor where they may secure employment. All persons in need of help or work of any kind may notify me and there is no charge for the service. Free to all, rich and poor alike. A. J. Willis, Free Shelter Mission, No. 217 South Front street. Call at 3 P. M. fe 13-1t.

WANTED—Several young men can obtain good board at No. 316 Walnut street. Reasonable terms. For information apply at house. tu-thu-sa-1t.

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up-to-date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 719. sep 22-1t.

PHOTOGRAPHS made at the U. C. Ellis Studio are bright, clear, life-like and durable. Enlarging, copying and framing. fe 10-1t.

Last Chance To-Day

To See the Present Big Bill

Crystal Palace

fe 20-1t

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT.

Wm. E. Worth, Plaintiff,

against
Knickerbocker Trust Company, Hugh MacRae, M. F. H. Gouverneur and E. VanCourt Lucas, copartners under the firm name of Hugh MacRae & Company, Electric Bond & Share Company, Colonial Securities Company, Rockingham Power Company, Rockingham Contracting Company, Hugh MacRae, Don MacRae, J. P. Connell, Burke H. Bridges, Bettie H. Bridges, C. W. Worth and James H. Chadbourne.

To the Knickerbocker Trust Company, Electric Bond & Share Company, Colonial Securities Company, Rockingham Contracting Company and Hugh MacRae, you and each of you are hereby commanded and summoned to be and appear at the March term of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, to be held at the Court House in Wilmington on the Fourth Monday after the First Monday of March A. D. 1909, it being the 29th day of March, 1909, and then and there answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff above mentioned which will be filed with said Court during the first three days of said Term, and if you fail to appear and answer or demur to the plaintiff's complaint the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

And you and each of you are hereby notified that the plaintiff above named has procured and the Court has issued a warrant of attachment against your property in the above entitled action for \$65,000.00 damages for a breach of contract for the purchase of bonds and stock in Rockingham Power Company, from said defendants, Hugh MacRae & Co., Electric Bond & Share Company, Colonial Securities Company, Knickerbocker Trust Company and for procuring a dummy Corporation to be formed to squander the assets of Rockingham Power Co., and illegally procuring from Rockingham Power Co. its stocks and bonds without paying value for same, for forming an illegal voting Trust agreement and voting Rockingham Power Company's stock for the purpose of gain and profit to themselves in violation of plaintiff's rights and forming corporations controlled by them and acting for themselves and against the interest of Rockingham Power Co., and in their own interest, and in breaking the contract with plaintiff and attempting to hold him liable for difference between what he paid and what defendants were to pay as balance due on said contract and attempting to collect same before it was due and for wrecking Rockingham Power Co. for the purpose of injuring plaintiff, and illegally using the voting power of stock in Rockingham Power Co., to render worthless plaintiff's stock and as agreed to be purchased under the agreement before mentioned; which warrant of attachment is returnable to said court in Wilmington, N. C., on the Fourth Monday after the first Monday of March, A. D. 1909, it being the 29th day of March, 1909.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,
Clerk Superior Court,
New Hanover County.

fa 14-30d

Statement of ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO. Wilmington, N. C. February 5th, 1909.

ASSETS.
Loans and Discounts... \$ 700,606.76
Demand Loans... 32,590.00
Furniture and Fixtures... 100.00
Cash on hand... 1,814.62
Due from banks... 118,351.04
Total... \$ 853,462.42

LIABILITIES.
Capital Stock... \$ 50,000.00
Undivided Profits... 41,142.09
Accrued Interest due depositors... 3,500.00
Dividend outstanding... 15.00
Deposits... \$613,940.00
Certificates of Deposit... 145,765.33 758,305.33
Total... \$ 853,462.42

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:
I, Milton Calder, Cashier of the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER,
Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1909.
W. B. DRAKE, JR.,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
I, SHRIER,
MATT J. HEYER,
J. G. L. GIESCHEN,

A BARGAIN

8,500 Acres Land and Timber, Located on the Railroad in South Florida. Partly being Turpintined. About 3,000 acres Round.

\$7,000.00 in improvements on the place. \$15,000 cash and \$10,000 at 8 per cent. will buy this place, will cut about twenty million feet lumber.

Address,
Chas. A. Parrish
DAVENPORT, FLA.

fe 14-16-18

Star Business Locals Pay

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Durham Herald: Twenty-five games are scheduled by Manager Tom Sulter, captain of the Trinity baseball team, for the season of 1909 and seventeen will be played on the Trinity diamond. There may be more.

—Wilson News: In this connection it may be interesting to note that within the past few years in Wilson county alone forty-five women have received instruction at the State Normal College.

—Gastonia News: The two mills at Kannapolis Nos. 1 and 2, have about 65,000 spindles. The mills are making sheeting and towels. As soon as the addition now being built is completed they will start to make counterpanes.

—Newbern Journal: Mr. William Mahone, Jr., assistant chief engineer of the Norfolk and Southern Railway is in the city making a survey and map of the proposed new depot for that road at this place.

—Pender Chronicle: Mr. John Burnett, who lives near Burgaw, has several quarts of ripe strawberries on the market here one day last week, which he sold for 25 cents per quart. We learn that strawberries are in bloom pretty generally.

—Mount Olive Tribune: Goldsboro's vigilant chief executive is making it hot for worthless vagrants in that town. A whole batch of them were arrested and given road sentences several days ago. Other towns might well follow the example of Mayor Ormond.

—Salisbury Post: There is still no news of John Jackson, the murderer of Officer Monroe. Sheriff McKenzie and Chief Julian are both on the alert and expect to capture the negro. As published in yesterday's Post, Jackson is outlawed and any one is authorized to take him dead or alive, without acquisition.

—Newbern Journal: The activities of the Womans Club are again directed toward the improvement of the city streets. They have secured trees, shrubs and flowers for planting and urge everyone who has available space to plant it in trees and flowers and thus make the waste places of the city more slightly.

—Mount Airy Breeze: There is much discussion among the men in control of the destinies of railroads about connecting the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line with the Rogers road, the Virginian. The proposed line would run across country from Rockingham in Richmond county to Roanoke.

—Salisbury Post: Bids for the Salisbury public building, for which Senator Overman secured an appropriation of \$125,000 were opened in Washington Wednesday by the supervising architect of the Treasury Department, and George W. Ashley & Co., of Baltimore, were the lowest bidders, their figures being \$117,000.

—While the Norfolk and Southern section gang were working on tracks near the depot, yesterday, to prevent the switch engine running them down, section master, Hobbs placed red flags at some little distance on either side of where they were working. And would you believe it, some degenerate son of a kleptomaniac swiped one of those flags.

—Goldsboro Argus: The abolition of the township tax collectors of this county—by the way, was of "fusion" origin—and a return to the Democratic custom of the sheriff collecting the taxes, which prevails in other counties, will save to the general fund of Wayne county in the neighborhood of \$5,000 per year.

—Wadesboro Messenger: J. M. Baucum, colored, of this county, the railway mail clerk who was tried in Washington last week on the charge of robbing the mails, was convicted and sentenced to serve 18 months in the Federal penitentiary. Baucum had been in the mail service 18 years and had a splendid record. Several marked bills were found in his pockets and pocket book when he was arrested. His defense was that the bills were place in his pocket by associates who were jealous of him.

—Tarboro Southern: To Lucius Pope, white, belongs whatever of notoriety there attaches the discredited of running the first blind tiger in Tarboro since we all became legally dry. Pope has long been suspected by the police, and for a week was under surveillance, but not until Tuesday was sufficient evidence obtained, when the arrest was made, a preliminary trial held and Pope committed to jail in default of bail to answer at court. No liquor was found on Pope, who denies having any, but it was proven that a man gave him money to buy liquor and the liquor was forthcoming.

—Rocky Mount Record: An annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Underwriters Fire Insurance Company was held yesterday afternoon at their office in this city. A gratifying and encouraging report was made by the present officials of the company and the organization was shown to be firmly grounded and one of the strongest financial institutions of the city. The stockholders re-elected the same board of directors, and they in turn named the same officers of the association that have served for the past year. A dividend of six per cent was declared.

—Revolts at Cold Steel. "Your only hope," said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe rectal trouble, lies in an operation. "then I used Dr. King's New Life Pills," she writes, "till wholly cured." They prevent Appendicitis, cure Constipation, Headache, etc. at R. R. Bellamy.

Read Star Business Locals.

Sale of Lands

For Taxes Unpaid for 1908—

I Have Levied Upon, and Will Sell at Public Auction, at the Court House Door of New Hanover County on Monday, the 1st Day of March, 1909, at 12 o'clock M., the Following Described Real Estate, to Satisfy the Unpaid Taxes Due the State of North Carolina and the County of New Hanover for the Year 1908, Together With the Cost and Expenses Due Thereon, Unless the Amounts so Due and Unpaid Are Settled Before Sale.

S. P. COWAN, Sheriff,
New Hanover County.

WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, WHITE.

WHITE.			
Names.	Description.	Blk	Tax and Costs
agg, H. A.—sw2.....		183	\$17
ell, Benjamin—pts w end 3		59	
w 1 2 3 4 5.....		303	40
iddle, hrs Julia A—w 1 2 3		78	7
hadowick, D. N.—w 3 4 5.....		173	47
ollins, H. W. and wife—			
e m 1-4 2.....		205	19
ameron, D. D.—All.....		21	18
avis, E. H.—e 5.....		76	11
irstone, E. N.—e 5 6.....		105	10
utch, Mary E.—e 1 2.....		306	

COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 19.
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 39 3-4c.
ROSIN—Market, steady, \$2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.
TAR—Market, firm \$1.40 per barrel.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market, firm \$2.00 per barrel for hard; \$3.00 for dip and \$3.00 for virgin.
Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 46c; rosin quiet, \$3.10; tar, firm \$1.30; crude turpentine firm \$2.25, \$3.25 and \$5.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine 6
Tar 51
Crude Turpentine 36
Receipts, same day last year 13 casks spirits turpentine; 68 barrels rosin; 18 barrels tar; 18 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 9 3-16 cents for middling.
Same day last year—Steady 11 1-4 cents for middling.
Receipts—206 bales, same day last year, 1,441 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, February 13th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c; Virginia, prime 60c; extra prime 70c; Spanish \$1.10@1.15.

CORN—Firm, 87 1-2c per bushel for white 80@85 for mixed.
N. C. HAMS—Steady; hams, new 13 @ 14; shoulders 11@12 1-2; sides 12.

EGGS—Good demand at 22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Good demand at 15c for large springs; grown dill, 15c.

REESWAX—Firm at 25c.

FALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 1 to 1 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. 10c; green, dull 7c per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—90c per bushel.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 60@65c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 16c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

TURKEYS—Good demand, 12 1-2c per lb. on foot; dressed 18c.

GESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 15c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 7c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Feb. 19.—The cotton market continued very quiet today with fluctuations narrow, and the close quiet, but steady at a net advance of 1 to 3 points.

The market opened steady at a decline of 1 to 3 points in response to lower cables than expected and further mail advices concerning the rains of last Sunday in Texas. But offerings were not aggressive, and shortly after the opening prices steadied up on covering by near-by shorts and commission house buying of new crop positions which seemed to reflect continued confidence in a bullish relationship of demand to supply during the coming season. Reports of a better demand for spots for export were circulating during the afternoon, but failed to stimulate business, and after selling about 2 to 4 points net higher the market showed little further feature. Southern spot markets officially reported were generally unchanged. The into-sight figures showed a considerable falling off as compared with last week, and estimates for tomorrow's receipts were moderate, while exports for the day were heavy and offerings of cotton bills were reported in the exchange market. It is claimed that the rains in Texas were confined chiefly to eastern sections of the State and that important areas in the West have not had any relief of any consequence from the winter drought. Sales for future delivery were estimated at 100,000 bales.

Receipts at the ports today were 24,702 bales, against 41,423 last week and 31,911 last year; for the week 145,000 bales, against 201,891 last week and 140,495 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 4,185 bales, against 11,155 last year and at Houston 9,219 bales against 4,342 last year.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 9.85; middling gulf 10.10; no sales. Futures opened steady and closed quiet but steady.

Month. Open. Close.
February 9.47 9.49
March 9.49 9.49
April 9.49 9.49
May 9.49 9.49
June 9.49 9.49
July 9.49 9.49
August 9.49 9.49
September 9.49 9.49
October 9.49 9.49
November 9.49 9.49
December 9.49 9.49
January 9.49 9.49
x bid.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 19.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston 2,994,019
New Orleans 1,609,355
Mobile 308,017
Savannah 1,261,485
Charleston 178,203
Wilmington 346,239
Norfolk 467,002
Baltimore 78,546
New York 14,427
Boston 11,563
Newport News 5,219
Philadelphia 3,446
San Francisco 52,835
Brunswick 281,333
Port Townsend 58,474
Pensacola 108,982
Portland, Ore. 300
Port Arthur & Sabine Pass 103,772
Jacksonville 27,356
Eagle Pass, Texas 205
El Paso, Texas 230
Laredo, Texas 719
Guilford 20,221
Texas City 48,593

Minor Ports 6,026

Total 7,991,567

Comparative Cotton Statement.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Feb. 19.—For the week ending February 13th:

Net receipts at all United States ports during week 140,125.
Net receipts at all United States ports same week last year 143,592.

Total receipts since September 1st 7,991,567.

Total receipts to same date last year 6,794,120.

Exports for the week 196,959.

Exports for same week last year 205,392.

Total exports since September 1st 6,250,721.

Total exports same date last year 5,668,867.

Stock at all United States ports 796,958.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year 686,361.

Stock at all interior towns 780,187.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year 501,793.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year 1,112,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year 245,000.

HESTER'S COTTON STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New Orleans, Feb. 19.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 5,594,075 bales, against 5,607,484 last week and 4,773,047 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 4,419,075 bales, against 4,482,484 last week and 3,603,171 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,175,000, against 1,125,000 last week, and 1,698,876 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 3,262,000 bales, against 2,811,000 last year; in Egypt, 310,000, against 234,000 last year; in India 405,000, against 563,000 last year, and in the United States 1,557,000, against 1,165,000 last year.

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Quiet, 9 9-16; net receipts 9,956; stock 141,414.

New Orleans—Steady, 9 7-16; net receipts 4,185; stock 261,693.

Mobile—Steady, 9 1-2; net receipts 1,743; stock 58,667.

Savannah—Steady, 9 5-16; net receipts 2,716; stock 106,030.

Charleston—Firm, 9 3-16; net receipts 415; stock 21,040.

Wilmington—Quiet, 9 3-16; net receipts 206; stock 7,573.

Norfolk—Steady, 9 9-16; net receipts 777; stock 34,578.

Baltimore—Nominal 9 5-8; net receipts 2,314; stock 20,859.

New York—Quiet, 9 8-16; stock 139,744.

Boston—Quiet, 9 8-16; net receipts 49.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 10 10; net receipts 25; stock 4,793.

Newport News—Net receipts 467.

Brunswick—Net receipts 562; stock 562.

Texas City—Net receipts 1,147.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 147.

Total today, at all ports, net 24,702; Great Britain 42,283; France 19,400; Continent 1,494; Mexico 1,147; Stock 796,958.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 140,125; Great Britain 112,890; France 34,004; Continent 32,554; Japan 16,364; Mexico 1,147.

Total since Sept. 1st, at all ports, Net 7,991,567; Great Britain 2,785,480; France 797,085; Continent 2,527,352; Japan 132,656; Mexico 8,148.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Quiet, 9 1-2; net receipts 9,219; stock 149,960.

Augusta—Steady, 9 9-16; net receipts 199; stock 83,031.

Memphis—Steady, 9 3-8; net receipts 1,529; stock 166,673.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9 7-16; net receipts 603; stock 42,622.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 688; stock 20,408.

Louisville—Firm, 9 5-8; net receipts 174; stock 350.

Little Rock—Steady, 9 00; net receipts 398; stock 47,675.

Total today—Net receipts 12,910; gross receipts 19,198; shipments 21,538; sales 1,597; stock 510,720.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Feb. 19.—Closing cotton, spit quiet; prices 3 points lower.

American middling fair 5.65; good middling 5.29; good ordinary 5.09; low middling 4.89; middling 4.49; ordinary 4.19.

The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 200 were for speculation and export and included 9,900 American. Receipts 16,200 bales all American.

Futures opened steady and closed very steady. February 5.05; February and March 5.04 1-2; March and April 5.05 1-2; April and May 5.06 1-2; May and June 5.07 1-2; June and July 5.08 1-2; July and August 5.09; August and September 5.03; September and October 4.98; October and November 4.94 1-2; November and December 4.94 1-2; December and January 4.93 1-2; January and February 4.92 1-2.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 19.—The jobbers did not have active trading during the day, especially in the wash goods departments and in dress goods. There have been substantial sales of wide cloths to printers for contract delivery. Supplies of carpet wools in this market are light and prices are firm. Cotton yarns are weak and trade in them is slow.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 19.—Money on call easier 1 3-4 to 2 1-4 per cent, ruling rate 2, closing bid 1 3-4, offered at 2.

Time loans slightly easier; 60 days 2 1-2 to 2 3-4, and 90 days 2 3-4 to 3 per cent; six months 3 per cent. Close Prime mercantile paper 1 1-2 to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers' bill at

4.8505 to 4.8510 for 60 day bills and at 4.8725 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 3-4 to 4.84 7-8. Bar silver 50 3-4. Mexican dollars 44.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg. 101
U. S. refunding 2s cou. 101 1-2
U. S. 3s reg. 100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou. 100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg. 119
U. S. 4s cou. 120
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s. 106 5-8
Atlantic Coast Line 4s b. 97
Baltimore & Ohio 4s. 101
L. & N. Unified 4s. 102 1-4
Seaboard Air Line 4s b. 65
Southern Railway 5s. 112
U. S. Steel 5s. 104

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper 73 1-8
Amr. Car & Foundry 47 1-8
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd. 111
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. 53 7-8
Amr. Locomotive 52 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref. 84 5-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd. 103 3-4
Amr. Sugar Refining 130
Atchafalpa 102
Atchafalpa pfd. 101 7-8
Atlantic Coast Line 116
Baltimore & Ohio 138 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd. 92 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio 66 1-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul 145 1-2
Colorado & Southern 62 1-2
Erie 29 7-8
Erie 1st pfd. 45
Erie 2nd pfd. 35
Great Northern pfd. 141 1-2
Kansas City Southern 40 1-2
Kansas City Southern pfd. 70 1-2
L. & N. 128 1-8
Northern Pacific 128 1-8
Pennsylvania 120 7-8
People's Gas 111 1-2
Reading 130 1-8
Rock Island Co. 23 7-8
Rock Island Co. pfd. 62 3-8
Southern Pacific 118 1-8
Southern Pacific pfd. 120 1-2
Southern Railway 24 3-4
Southern Railway pfd. 63 1-8
Standard Oil Co. 645
Union Pacific 177 3-4
U. S. Steel 48 1-2
U. S. Steel pfd. 112
V. Car. Chemical 45 3-4
Va. Car. Chemical pfd. 113
Western Union 66
Westinghouse Electric Co. 79 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Feb. 19.—Flour quiet with prices nominally higher.

Rye Flour—Firm.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Buckwheat—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Firm.

Rye—Quiet.

Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Strong; No. 2 red 1.20 7-8.

elevator. Options 7-8 to 1c advance over last night. May 1.18 7-8; July 1.08 7-8.

Corn—Firm; No. 2, 74 elevator. Options partly 1-4c net lower. May 73 1-2; July 72 7-8; September 72 1-2.

Oats—Firm; mixed 56 1-2 to 57 1-2.

Beef—Quiet.

Cut Meats—Steady.

Lard—Firm.

Pork—Steady.

Rice—Firm.

Molasses—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw, firm; refined steady.

Coffee—Steady; Rio No. 7, 8 to 8 1-8; Santos No. 4, 3 5-8. Mild steady.

Cordia 9 1-2 to 13. Futures closed steady at a net advance of 5 to 20 points.

Butter—Firm. Held creamery common to special 22 to 29 1-2.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firm; state, Pennsylvania and selected white 35c. Brown and mixed fancy 34c; fair to choice do 32 to 33c.

Cotton Seed Oil easier under scattered liquidation and lack of bull support. Prime crude 4.33; do summer yellow 5.34 to 5.44; do white 5.40 to 5.75; do winter yellow 5.80 to 6.30; off summer yellow 5.42 to 5.43; good off do 5.34 to 5.43.

Potatoes—Firm. Bermuda per bbl. 4.25 to 6.00.

Cabbages steady; state, white per ton 32.00 to 37.00. Southern new per crate 1.25 to 2.50.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

THE RICE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Feb. 19.—There is no change in the local rice situation, the demand being quiet, as both local and out of town wholesalers are buying only for actual needs and not doing much anticipatory. Yet, the tendency to prices is firmer, the arrivals of Honduras being lighter while Japans reflect the stronger tone in the South. The complaint of brokers over the difficulty of doing business with Southern mills is still heard, only a small proportion of bids being accepted. For this reason some reselling of stored rice is going on, this market being comparatively cheaper than at primary points.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Grain prices soared to new high records on the board of trade today, wheat for May delivery advancing to 1.15 1-2. The highest point for corn for May delivery was reached at 66 1-2 to 68c, while the best mark for oats for the same option was 55 1-2c. Wheat held the advance and closed steady at net gains of 1-2 to 5-8c, but the coarse grains weakened on profit taking sales and closed heavy. Provisions closed steady.

Opening. Highest. Closing.

Wheat—

May 1 14 1-8 1 15 1-2 1 15 1-2

July 1 00 1-4 1 01 1 01

Sept 95 3-4 96 3-8 96 1-4

Corn—

May 66 1-2 66 5-8 66

July 65 5-8 65 5-8 65 1-4

Sept 65 1-2 65 1-2 65 1-4

Oats—

May 55 1-2 55 1-2 55 1-4

July 50 1-8 50 1-8 49 7-8

Sept 41 1-2 41 1-2 41 1-4

Mess Pork, per bbl.—

May 17 02 1-2 17 02 1-2 16 95

July 17 10 17 10 17 05

Lard, per 100 lbs.—

May 9 72 1-2 9 72 1-2 9 67 1-2

Sept 9 82 1-2 9 85 9 82 1-2

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—

May 8 95 8 95 8 82 1-2

July 9 12 1-2 9 12 1-2 9 07 1-2

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Feb. 19.—Rosin and turpentine quiet.

Charleston, Feb. 19.—Turpentine quiet, 40 1-4c. Rosin quiet. Quote: A B C, 2.95; D, 2.97 1-2; E, 3.00.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 19.—Turpentine nominal, 41c; sales 50; receipts 113; shipments 549. Rosin firm; sales 1,345; receipts 817; shipments 1,862; stock 161,123. Quote: B, 3.00; D, 3.02 1-2; E, 3.05; F, 3.07 1-2; G, 3.10; H, 3.40; I, 3.85; K, 4.85; M, 5.60; N, 6.10; WG, 6.30; WW, 6.35.

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ARRIVED.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

CLEARED.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 19, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—21 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—74 bales cotton; W. C. & A. Railroad—27 bales cotton; 26 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—8 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—96 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine.

Str. City of Fayetteville—9 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 17 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine

OPEN MARKET IN IRON AND STEEL

Trade Interests Will be Materially Benefitted by Modified Prices Agreed Upon.

WILL STIMULATE INDUSTRY

United States Steel Corporation Principal Factor—Surviving Effects of the Panic—Determine to Protect Customers.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Feb. 19.—An "open" market in the iron and steel trade that manufacturers believe will lead to stimulation of the industry was created late today when former Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the directorate of the United States Steel Corporation, made an official announcement that the "leading manufacturers of iron and steel have determined to protect their customers and, for the present, sell at such modified prices as may be necessary with respect of different commodities in order to retain their fair share of the business." The prices which may be determined upon will be given by the manufacturers to the customers direct.

The action of the leading manufacturers in effecting an open market followed a series of conferences here for the last three days of Judge Gary and the heads of the various subsidiary companies of the steel corporation together with officials of other steel manufacturing companies.

Judge Gary, in the official statement says that the smaller steel manufacturing concerns for one cause or another, particularly the tariff agitation, have become more or less excited and demoralized, and have been selling their products below those prices generally maintained, and this led to unreasonable prices, cutting by certain manufacturers, who opposed a change felt the necessity of protecting their customers.

Judge Gary's Statement.
Following is, in part, the statement made public by Judge Gary, after the meeting:

"Following the panic of October, 1907, the iron and steel industry was in jeopardy. Jobbers and consumers throughout the country had purchased large stocks at prices prevailing when conditions were favorable, and these were undisposed of. An immediate and radical reduction in prices would have meant bankruptcy to multitudes. To prevent disaster and ruin, and at the request of scores who were interested, a large percentage of the leading men connected with this industry met to advise with each other in regard to the best interests of all concerned and including the general public. Partly, at least, as a result, stability of prices, as distinguished from wide and sudden fluctuations, existed until about the beginning of 1909, although no agreements were made to maintain prices and notwithstanding a small percentage of manufacturers stood aloof from the conference.

"For a year preceding January 1, 1909, there was a gradual, though not entirely regular, improvement in the iron and steel trade, and an increase in the sales made during the last two days many of the manufacturers have been in conference for the purpose of giving to one another all the information and facts obtainable concerning actual conditions in detail. It appears that for one reason or another, including particularly the tariff agitation, many of the smaller concerns who have not been disposed to co-operate during the last year, have become more or less excited and demoralized and have been selling their products at prices below those which were generally maintained. This feeling has been somewhat extended and has influenced unreasonable cutting of prices by some of those who were opposed to changes, but felt compelled to meet conditions in order to protect their customers. As a result of these conditions there has been a material decrease in new business during the last month, for the reason, as stated by consumers, that they proposed to wait until they were satisfied bottom prices had been reached.

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"The friendly relations which have existed between the principal manufacturers will continue."

SHOT BY HIS WIFE

Serious Ending of Family Row, Claimed to be Accidental.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Norfolk, Va., Feb. 19.—Lewis Johnson, residing at Church and Charlotte streets, was shot in the breast at noon today by his wife Mabel Johnson, and is in a dying condition. They claim it was an accident, but the condition of the room and the appearance of the woman showed that there had been a scuffle. The woman told conflicting stories, and when faced with these, became hysterical. She is being held by the police. Attending surgeons declare Johnson will die.

The case of Alonzo Bailey, the negro charged with violation of the Alabama Contract Labor Law, was decided against him, decision being announced yesterday. The case will now be taken as rapidly as possible to the Supreme Court of the United States on the ground that the effect of the law is to enslave men by depriving them of liberty without due process of law.

BUSY DAY IN CONGRESS

Senate Passes Two Appropriation Bills and Forty-Five Others—House Completes Three More Supply Bill—Tariff on Paper.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Not during the present session of Congress has such a large amount of legislative business been done by the Senate as was accomplished today. The Army bill, carrying appropriation amounting to \$102,636,050, and the Pension bill, with appropriations aggregating \$160,869,000, of which \$160,000,000 was for pensions, and \$869,000 for fees, etc., were passed. Forty-five other bills, 40 of which had previously been favorably acted upon by the House, were passed.

There was but little discussion on the Army Appropriation bill, except upon the Senate amendment appropriating \$350,000 for the construction of roads in Alaska, which was agreed to. Senate amendments added \$4,910,056 to the amount carried by the measure as it passed the House. Of that total \$1,248,110 was to increase the pay of various enlisted men, and \$1,660,000 was for the construction of barracks and quarters.

The Senate adjourned at 5:09 o'clock.

House of Representatives.
Three of the great supply measures of the Government passed through various stages of enactment into law in the House today. The Fortification bill was completed and went over to the Senate; the Sundry Civil bill was reported and the Postoffice Appropriation bill was sent to conference.

A variety of other subjects was dealt with. The report of the special committee on pulp and paper investigation was read; the River and Harbor bill was reported, and the report of the special printing investigation committee was submitted.

During the time that general debate lasted, numerous speeches on miscellaneous topics were made. Mr. Peters, of Massachusetts, pleaded for a children's bureau for the study of the problem of welfare of the young.

At 5:21 o'clock the House took a recess until tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Market Influenced by Condition of Iron and Steel Trade.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Feb. 19.—The latest developments in the iron and steel trade have resulted in great confusion of opinion over what consequences are to follow. This state of confusion was responsible for the halt in speculative activity in the stock market late today rather than any conviction that the market had adjusted itself to the new conditions in the sharp fall in prices.

The belief is common that a large waiting requirement exists in the steel trade which will come out with the revival in industry. That the recently maintained level of value of the Steel Industrials was an artificial one in view of the state of the trade, was the opinion expressed with sufficient explicitness by the price movement which has followed the knowledge of the new move by the leading authorities in the steel trade.

The liquidation of United States Steel continued on a very large scale, both for home and foreign account. The whole market was affected, but in varying degree. The Copper Industrials showed more sympathy with United States Steel today than yesterday. The reported Pacific bond issue although expected in an indefinite way, came as a surprise in many of its details. The \$32,000,000 to be offered proved larger than generally looked for. The two Harriman stocks were inclined to firmness after the bond issue was announced.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were \$4,716,000. U. S. bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 716,900 shares, including: Atlantic Coast Line 400; Chesapeake & Ohio 3,400 and Louisville & Nashville 900.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

Power of Resistance by Market Despite Dullness of Trade.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
New York, Feb. 19.—The significant feature of the week in the cotton market has been the power of resistance shown by the market despite dullness of trade and speculation. The explanation is to be sought in reports of drought in Texas, in the fear of boll weevil damage during the coming season in Louisiana, Mississippi and elsewhere, and a belief that as soon as the tariff question is out of the way the trade of the country will become everywhere more prosperous. Beneficial rains have fallen in the eastern section of the belt and according to Texas advices the recent rainfall in that State has been much greater than supposed; but in some quarters the idea holds that the force of the Texas drought has been after all only partially broken, and that not a few sections of that State need a good drenching. Large spot interests have bought heavily of May, July and October and spot trade has lately improved in some parts of the South. March commitments are believed to be very large. Some traders believe that the next crop will show a material decrease as a result either of the winter droughts or devastations by weevil. On the other hand, many think that the boll weevil danger east of the Mississippi is being greatly exaggerated, that the crop is being under estimated and the crop consumption over estimated. Later, however, receipts have declined and exports have been liberal.

Washington Once Gave Up
to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed then "Ecklen's Arnica Salve" completely cured me," writes John Washington, of Vasqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles it's supreme. 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

DEFENSE READY IN COOPER TRIAL

Hope to Build-Up Self-Defense Plea on Evidence of Colonel Cooper.

RESUME THE TRIAL TODAY

Defense Puzzles State As To Its Witnesses—Robin Cooper Will Not Be Placed on Stand—Attorneys Hold Conference.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)
Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 19.—The day's recess in the trial of Colonel B. W. Cooper, Robin J. Cooper, and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of Former Senator E. W. Carmack, was devoted by attorneys for both sides to preparations for resumption of hostilities tomorrow.

Counsel on both sides are very secretive tonight. They were in conference with witnesses nearly all day. The missing witnesses for the State had not arrived tonight but Attorney General McCann seemed confident they would be in court tomorrow.

It is probable that the defense will put Colonel Cooper on the stand among its first witnesses, and that upon his testimony it will build up its theory of self defense. John D. Sharp will testify, too, according to general belief, but it is doubtful if Robin Cooper will be called upon to give evidence.

The jury spent the day in open air exercises, largely devoted to walking. The defense has not yet issued a single subpoena, but promises to have its witnesses in court when they are needed.

It is generally conceded that the biggest fight of the trial will come when the defense closes and the State begins its rebuttal testimony.

TARIFF ON PAPER AND PULP

Report of House Committee Recommending its Reduction.

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The committee's report states that it would be seen that the production of news print paper or the other very cheap grades of paper are today dependent upon the continuation of cheap ground wood produced from spruce trees, and that condition is likely to prevail in the future. The amount of spruce consumed in the United States in 1907, according to the report, was 1,260,000 cords for ground wood, about 1,420,000 cords of sulphite fiber, and about 3,450,000 cords of lumber. The amount of standing spruce is variously estimated, but is roughly guessed to be about 70,000,000 cords east of the Rocky Mountains.

The paragraph recommended for insertion in the Tariff Bill, placing a duty of 1-12 of a cent per pound on mechanically ground wood pulp provides that this article shall be admitted free of duty from any country, dependency or other sub-division of a Government which does not forbid or restrict the exportation of or does not impose an export duty or charge upon mechanically ground wood or pulp for use in the manufacture of wood pulp.

The duties recommended for print paper are: On print paper valued at not over 2 1-4 cents per pound, one tenth of one cent a pound; and on paper valued at over 2 1-4 cents a pound and not over 2 1-2 cents a pound, 2-10 of a cent per pound.

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TO BE ELECTROCUTED

Negro Sentenced to Death Day After Commission of a Heinous Crime. Sentenced on His Confession in Open Court.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 19.—Aurelius Christian, the negro who yesterday criminally assaulted and then murdered Miss Mary Dobbs, the pretty 14-year-old daughter of a prominent Botetourt county farmer, was today sentenced to die in the electric chair in the State penitentiary on March 23rd. Christian was taken from Clifton Forge today to Fincastle and tried at a special sitting of the court by Circuit Judge Anderson, who accompanied the negro and officers to Fincastle. Christian was indicted by the grand jury and Judge Anderson appointed three lawyers to defend him. At a conference between the lawyers and the prisoner, Christian made a confession of the crime, which he later repeated in court to the judge. The court heard three witnesses who established the time and place of the crime. No jury was summoned. The judge accepted Christian's confession and imposed the death sentence.

The negro said he was hiding in the woods when Miss Dobbs passed by on her way to a store. He seized her and after assaulting her cut her throat and stabbed her three times, "to keep her from telling," Christian showed no signs of fright in court.

The sentence came within 24 hours after the crime was committed and Christian was sent to the Fincastle jail. The jail is being guarded tonight to prevent an attack that might be made by a mob. A mob gathered last night near Clifton Forge, but agreed not to attempt to lynch Christian while he "was at that place."

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Loans and Discounts..	\$214,564 02	Capital Stock	\$100,000 00
Over Drafts	628 34	Profits Net	3,572 55
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	103,534 38	Circulation	100,000 00
Redemption Fund	4,400 00	DEPOSITS	251,646 37
Furniture and Fixtures	4,955 49		
CASH	127,136 69		
	\$455,218 92		\$455,218 92

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